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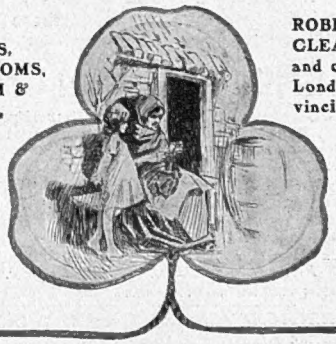

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A Sensational Race at a Sensational Meeting: Thirty-three Horses "Lepping"

On the first day of the Cheltenham Meeting no fewer than thirty-three horses started for the big race. A 33 to 1 starter passed the winning-post first, a neck in front of "Carbine's" selection. For further pictures see page 561

The Fatal Conference

UNTIL they saw last week's BYSTANDER my daily contemporaries failed to comment on the remarkable misfortunes that have overtaken the members of the Veto Conference, When, however, our paragraph caught their eye, some of them very ably discovered the matter, taking due care, in republishing, to avoid any acknowledgment of ourselves. I said last week that of the "eight" only Mr. Asquith and Mr. Austen Chamberlain had escaped serious misfortune. It is no longer my task to exclude the Premier, for on Thursday night came the news of the dangerous illness, at Murren, of Miss Elizabeth Asquith. Of the other distinguished invalids, neither Lords Lansdowne and Crewe nor Mr. Lloyd George are as yet out of medical hands. "Blessed are the Peacemakers," of course, though, so far as the Conference Eight is concerned, virtue has most certainly been its own reward.

Miss Elizabeth Asquith

Daughter of the Prime Minister, who was taken seriously ill at Murren, in Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Asquith left at once to join her on receipt of the news. Miss Asquith, who is not yet fifteen years old, is shown above in the character of Puck in a Shakespearean Masque

The King at Dartmouth

The King is expected at Dartmouth on Saturday, but he will not, to the town's keen disappointment, go ashore at all except to visit the Royal Naval College. The inevitable address is to be presented to him on board the Royal yacht, on which His Majesty will remain over the week-end, during which he will probably pay a private visit to Portsmouth.

Ireland, Wales, and Scotland

Four days in Ireland, four in Scotland, three in Wales, the rest spent travelling, and the King and Queen will have completed what bids fair to be, without exception, the most strenuous fortnight of their reign to date. The Royal yacht is to take the Royal travellers to Kingstown on July 8 and bring them back to Holyhead, and the three days in Wales are to include one at Carnarvon for the investiture of the Prince of Wales, one at Bangor, and another at Aberystwith.

The Courts

Sundry small grumbles are to be heard in the land with regard to the strict enforcement of the arrangement as to Scottish presentations being made at Holyrood and Irish in Dublin in order that the pressure on the Courts in London may be a little relieved. Presentation is, I am told, robbed of something like three-quarters of its glamour when it does not take place in London, and débutantes especially are not at all keen on the new regulation, which is, however, I understand, to be a permanent one. Notices may shortly be looked for on the front page of *The Times* to the effect that Messrs. O'Flanagan, MacIntosh, etc., etc., are, by deed poll, changing their names to Montmorency, Howard, etc., etc.

The Gay Georgians

It has several times, under the new *régime*, been suggested that the Georgian era will resemble rather the Early Victorian than the Edwardian. Of late years, chiefly, perhaps, owing to the absence of the Court from England during the Spring months, it has become the custom to observe Lent outwardly by an abstention from all important entertaining. Times

have changed, however, and the Church's fast is now again altogether ignored, while the snubs administered to the protesters are reminiscent of Queen Victoria's remark to a similarly protesting Prelate. "When I was young," said her somewhat evangelical Majesty, "Lent was not invented."

Last Week's Parties

Chief among last week's many dances were those given by Lady Winifred Renshaw, Mrs. Sandys, and Mrs. Burn, whose very successful ball took place at her father's (Lord Leith of Fyvie) fine house in Grosvenor Crescent, in honour of Miss Burn. Dinner hostesses who, in modern fashion, brought along with them small crowds of dancing men and maidens, included their Graces of Hamilton and Somerset, Lady North-Brook, Lady Altamont, Mrs. John Gordon, and Lady Gertrude Cochrane, while the immense list of guests could be said literally to include all that portion of Mayfair and Belgravia not on the Riviera or at Biarritz.

Lord Howard de Walden
(Drawn for "The Bystander" by W. Howard Robinson)
Who last week won an action for libel against Mr. John Lewis, the silk mercer, of Oxford Street, a tenant of his. His lordship was awarded one farthing damages. At the conclusion of the case plaintiff and defendant fraternised most cordially

Some Dinners, a Concert, and an At Home

The Connaught family (off again very soon to Italy and thence to Germany) were guests of honour at Lady Brassey's last week's concert in the very Victorian abode in Park Lane, where much entertaining is toward this season on behalf of the young daughter of the house and of Lady Brassey's step-grandchild, the daughter of Lord de la Warr. Mrs. Lewis Harcourt, wearing very *chic* French frocks, has begun again those crowded Tuesday afternoons of hers which are always so successful; and two delectable bachelor dinners last week—(why, the ladies ask, is the food always so good both at bachelor dinners and bachelor teas?)—were Mr. Burdett Coutts's and Count Mensdorff's, the latter diplomat entertaining such shining lights in the social firmament as Lord and Lady Londonderry, Lord and Lady "Charley B.," Lady Kitty Somerset, Lord and Lady Farquhar, and Lord and Lady Alington.

The Baron and Baroness de Forest
The pending slander actions, de Forest *v.* Milne and de Forest *v.* Lady Gerard, have, owing to the illness of Lord Derby, an important witness, been postponed until March 27. The Baroness de Forest is the sister of Lord Gerard

A New Hostess

Lord Cadogan and his new young Italian wife were received in audience at Buckingham Palace last week, and it is expected that Chelsea House will soon once again be thrown open. The new Lady Cadogan, however, is alleged to own views of a somewhat pedantically aristocratic nature on the subject of entertaining. It is unlikely, therefore, that the unrestrained merriment at present in vogue elsewhere will become the fashion at Chelsea House, not, at any rate, under the present *régime*. A future mistress thereof, Miss Marie Coxon, marries Lord Chelsea next month.

April Weddings

Weddings will be the chief social occupation directly Lent is over, for there are literally dozens fixed to take place in the few days that elapse between Easter and the beginning of May—a merrie, but not a marriage month. Chief among the Society bridegrooms are Lord Hardwicke, who is marrying a New Zealand heiress; Lord Linlithgow, who is to marry Miss Doreen Milner; Captain Algy Strutt, the future Lord Belper, who is to marry Miss Eva Bruce; and Lord Arthur Hay. Among well-known brides are Lady Lettice Cholmondeley, now sister-in-law to the ex-Mrs. Stirling, Miss Victoria Fitzroy, and the Countess Natalie Benckendorff, who is to be married to Mr. Jasper Ridley.

Ireland in England

All the well-known Irish peeresses — Lady Londonderry, Lady Mayo, Lady Fingall, Lady Massereene, Lady Waterford, Lady Downshire, Lady Headfort, Lady Kerry, Lady Annesley, Lady Bective, Lady Arran, Lady Kilmorey, etc., etc.—having again kindly lent themselves, will be on view to

anyone who cares to pay the fee to-morrow and Friday (St. Patrick's Day) at Lansdowne House. A grateful democracy should give proof of due recognition by attending in its thousands the Irish Industries Sale, in support of which the exhibition is arranged.

In the Courts

Many of the many who crowded into the Lord Chief Justice's Court in the King's Bench last week to hear what they could of the much discussed and postponed de Forest slander case remained to hear instead that other, to Londoners, very interesting case—the suit for personal libel brought by a great London landlord, Lord Howard de Walden, against the little, white-haired, keen-eyed draper, Mr. John Lewis.

A Picturesque Judge

Lord Alverstone, who judged the case, is certainly one of the most picturesque and peaceful-looking Judges on the Bench. When bored—and oh, dear me, *what* long opening speeches Mr. Duke, K.C., *does* make—the Lord Chief Justice remains gentle dignity personified. He is courtesy itself to the great K.C.'s who talk and talk and talk to him all the livelong day, and with everyone else, except perhaps the jury, is seldom judicially acid or even sharp.

The Law's Delays

"Well, *I* don't care. *I* haven't got to pay!" is his Lordship's attitude towards postponements such as that caused last week in the de Forest case by the absence of Lord Derby, most important of the witnesses for the defence, in Biarritz. And his Lordship preserved his calm when, on suggesting the case for *this* week, he was told that both Sir Edward Clarke and Mr. F. E. Smith were very busy elsewhere then, and for *next* that the above-mentioned important Lord Derby would be racing at Liverpool, so couldn't, of course, be bothered. Sir Edward Carson, for Lady Gerard and Mr. Henry Milner, alleged "grave inconvenience" if the case was postponed. It was put off until the 27th instant.

The Bystander'd Eggs

It is amusing to note that "BYSTANDER'D EGGS" have been taken quite seriously by one or two readers. "The need for a reliable egg," writes one of these, "was never more pressing." Simultaneously I am offered, by a number of poultry farmers, the right to call the produce of their own hens by the name of "BYSTANDER'D." I will certainly make inquiries as to the genuineness of these claims, and if, after these, I can conscientiously assert that the said eggs have been found well and truly laid, I will confer on them the style, honour, and dignity of "BYSTANDER'D EGGS," as here witness my hand, etc., etc.

The Progress of Kitchener

Lord Kitchener's progress to the rank of Field-Marshal (unemployed) has been very distinguished and well-merited. So much so that no one will grudge him the post of C.-in-C. of the Coronation troops! The rumour that he has been offered the post of Chief of the Metropolitan Police is utterly unfounded, but I should not be surprised to hear that he will next be invited to assume the Chief Rangership of Battersea Park. From that to the Captaincy of the London Fire Brigade is but a step, and everybody knows that that is the royal road to the post of Chief Unionist Agent. If Kitchener wins an election for the Unionists, he must inevitably resign and become a journalist. We may yet live to see his Lordship join the staff of *John Bull*, and write articles vilifying Army methods, signed "Ex-Field-Marshal" Kitchener.

Left to right: Hon. Rupert Guinness, C.M.G., Rev. Fr. Bernard Vaughan, S.J., Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton (Chairman), Mrs. Humphry Ward, Miss Ward, and Mr. Mullins

A Remarkable Photographic Group of Celebrities

The above distinguished people foregathered at the annual meeting, held at Bridgewater House last week, in connection with the Association for Blind, Deaf, and Cripple Children

Our Supplements

With this week's issue are presented a 16-pp. Supplement dealing with the latest improvements and innovations in the world of furniture, and a charming colour-plate, by R. Pannett, entitled "Waiting For Her Sedan Chair."

Our Parliamentary Competition: STARTLING EFFECT AT ST. STEPHEN'S

SOME MEMBERS ANNOYED, OTHERS ALARMED, ALL BUSY

Strange Action by a Party Whip

THAT our Parliamentary Competition (for the terms of which see pp. 531-532) would excite mixed feelings ar ong Members of Parliament we fully expected. To direct the attention of electors all over the country to the doings of their individual M.P., while it would please regular attendants at the House, would certainly not please others. It was, therefore, with no surprise that we received unofficial "representations" on the subject on behalf of certain Members, supported by one of the party Whips.

From a well-known Parliamentary journalist we received, on the day after publication, the following letter:

> I went down to the House of Commons and there several Members, including one of the Unionist Whips, asked me if I had seen the Competition, and expressed the strongest possible resentment at it on the grounds that it would, one way or another, cause a great deal of unpleasantness between Members and their constituents. They asked me if I could represent the matter to you.

I have thanked my informant for his service in conveying to me this somewhat startling message. It is difficult, however, to understand how to call the attention of constituents to the doings of their M.P. can possibly cause the unpleasantness referred to, provided, of course, the M.P. in question is giving the needed attention to his duties. That such attention *is* being given by the Members of the present Parliament is obvious, for the very day after the announcement of our proposal, no fewer than 180 questions appeared on the Agenda—according to the *Evening News*, a record. The names of a large number of the questioners made their appearance on the paper for the first time, about fifty of them being Irish Members, whose records last Session did not look well on our Blue Paper.

No fewer than twenty-seven pages of amendments were put down by Conservative M.P.'s to the Revenue Bill—but owing to the gagging tactics of the Government, only a small number could be taken.

Subsequently—of course quite by way of coincidence—the evening's proceedings became extraordinarily lively. An exceptionally large number of Members intervened in the debate, and division after division was challenged, in which, I am glad to note, the newly awakened Conservatives were in force, and succeeded in reducing the Government majority to the sixties. An all-night sitting followed, with more divisions, with the natural result that THE BYSTANDER'S special Parliamentary watchman has been kept very busy during his first week's work.

I have every hope, and so, I am sure, has the electorate, that this healthy, if novel, activity will be continued for the remainder of the Session. That, in issuing our Blue Paper (copies of which are still obtainable from the publisher), we have been of service to Press and public alike is clear from the way in which many of the leading provincial journals have quoted from it the figures concerning their local Members, acknowledging, too, the source of their information, which suggests that, in journalistic etiquette, they have something to teach certain of their London contemporaries.

Eton College Steeplechases: Viscount Wendover at the Water Jump in the Junior Race

The annual steeplechases took place at Eton College on Friday in beautiful weather. The photograph shows Viscount Wendover, only son and heir of Earl Carrington, the President of the Board of Agriculture, taking the brook

The Ideal Way of Waging War

THE NAVAL BATTLE OF FLOWERS AT VILLEFRANCHE

Floral Umbrellas (luckily untested)

Serenading the Moon

Queen Marguerites

Astronomy

The Naval Battle of Flowers at Villefranche on the 5th inst. attracted an enormous crowd of people to the quaint little town which hugs the shores of its magnificent harbour. The number of decorated boats was greater than in any previous year, and, in addition to the other prizes, the Minister of Marine awarded a fine work of art in bronze for the best-decorated boat. The ships of the Squadron contributed no fewer than ten beautifully decorated galleys. The Préfet had a boat-decorated with a floral windmill, and that of Mademoiselle de Joly showed a superb butterfly of huge dimensions

"Indore" Lawn Tennis

Our Riviera correspondent writes: We are now at the height of the lawn tennis season, and the play has been of exceptional interest. Wilding has twice beaten the French champion, Decugis, who in each case has begun well enough, but has failed to "stay." Ritchie has been out of form, but Holmes's game shows improvement. Miss Salusbury and Mrs. Nutcombe-Quicke have been playing splendid tennis, and the Maharajah Holkar of Indore, though not to be classed among the "cracks," has proved no mean opponent.

Fleur Deslys

There has been quite a crowd of "somebodies" at Monte of late, including the hirsute Paderewski, Mlle. Gaby Deslys, who constantly wears her famous pearl necklace, and went for a flight with Legagneux the other afternoon, Lord Cork, Lord Deerhurst, Lord and Lady Lovat, and Prince Kinsky. It now appears to be certain that we shall have to wait till next season for the inauguration of the new links. Once they are ready for play they promise to be something quite out of the ordinary. They have cost enough, anyway!

The Earl of Cork Enjoys the Sunshine at Monte Carlo
(But will, doubtless, hurry home for the Veto debates in the House of Lords)

A Kind-hearted Pickpocket—

A funny incident occurred the other day in the Rooms. Two friends went in to play, and one of them had a big run of luck, so big that he didn't know where to stow away all his money. His friend noticed a bundle of *mille* notes slipping out of his "revolver" pocket, and fearing that they might be lost took them and put them in his own pocket. He then went off for a refresher at the bar, but had scarcely ordered his drink before an inspector came up to him and accused him of robbery. It took quite a lot of explanation before the inspector would believe that he had acted solely out of good-nature!

—And a Bad-hearted Blackmailer

But there was more fun to come. The inspector satisfied, the "robber" returned to his whisky-and-soda. Presently a well-dressed man approached, sat down in the seat opposite to him, and leaning forward, whispered threateningly, "I saw you take those notes. How much are you going to give me?" I have reason to believe that that well-dressed person no longer haunts the Casino!

Boxing at Nice

We had a little boxing at Nice the other day, but it was a tame affair, for Harry Lewis, the middle-weight champion of the world, who was to box an Englishman twenty rounds, made mincemeat of his man in three. However, we are promised some better fighting before the month is out. The celebrated film of the Johnson-Jeffries fight is being shown at the Mediterranée, and, judging by it, that much boomed encounter must have been a precious poor show. Talking of the Mediterranée, that famous club is not yet doomed to destruction, the fate of the building being still undecided. In the meanwhile I hear that yet another *hotel de luxe* is to be built on the Promenade des Anglais. And yet there are people who still say that the Riviera is done for.

The Poet in his Garden: Maurice Maeterlinck in the Beautiful Grounds of his Property at Grasse, near Cannes
Grasse is a quaint old town, and is celebrated for its manufacture of perfumes from the roses, orange-flowers, heliotropes mint, etc., grown there. M. Maeterlinck's charming play, *The Blue Bird*, has, by the way, just been produced with great success in Paris

What is Your Member Doing in Parliament?

NOVEL POLITICAL COMPETITION: SECOND WEEK.

HANDSOME PRIZE FOR MOST SKILFUL FORECAST

"The days of the private Member in this House have gone, perhaps never to return."—Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P.

A FEW months ago you elected your Member of the new Parliament. How is the hon. gentleman enabled, by the present Party system, to discharge his duties as your representative? It is alleged by the malcontents that a private Member is prevented from taking his proper share in debate, and from voting according to his convictions in Divisions, by the decrees of the Party Whips. How far is YOUR M.P. thus affected?

At the end of the Session The Bystander will publish a complete analysis of the number of speeches made by every individual Member (including questions asked verbally in the House) and also the number of divisions in which he has voted during the Session of 1911. From this it will be possible for his constituents to check the extent to which their Member has been able to discharge his duties—duties for which it is now proposed he shall receive a salary.

Meanwhile, we invite electors and residents (of either sex) in *every constituency of the United Kingdom* to state for us, on the form on p. 532, the exact number of speeches and votes which each competitor expects *his* or *her* M.P. to make and cast during the Session from its opening in February to its adjournment in August (the possibility of an Autumn Session being excluded from the forecast).

To guide you in making your computation, the separate Blue Paper, containing an analysis of speeches made and votes given during the Session of 1910 by present M.P.'s who sat in the last Parliament, which was published with our last issue, is to be obtained (price one penny) from the Publisher, The Bystander, Tallis Street, London, E.C.

To the sender of the statement which proves, in the opinion of the Editor, to be the most skilful recast of the actual facts as they will be recorded at the end of the Session by the official Parliamentary reports (Hansard), will be presented

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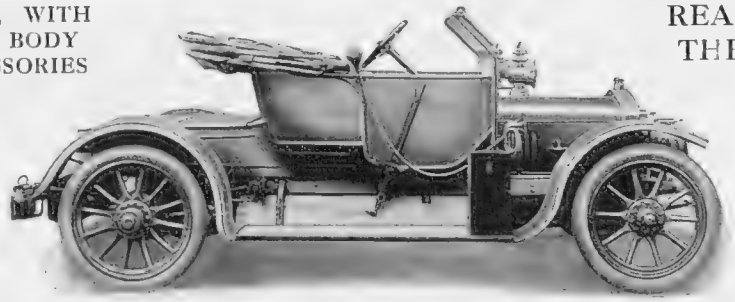

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POINTS OF JUDGING

In the event of two or more readers sending in forecasts of equal merit, consideration will be given to the entry which has first reached the office. **No Entries can be received later than Good Friday, April 14.** Only *bonâ-fide* Residents at the addresses given are invited to compete. For special conditions to Foreign and Colonial competitors see below.

TWO-MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES

Competitors may forecast either Member or both, but in the latter case separate forms must be used for each name.

ABSENTEE MEMBERS

Forecasts will not be accepted from residents in constituencies whose Members are known, at the time of sending in, to be incapacitated by illness or other cause from attendance at the House.

COMPETITORS ABROAD

Britons in foreign countries or the Colonies are eligible to compete for the constituencies in which they are *bonâ-fide* residents when in the United Kingdom, on condition that both home and foreign addresses are given. A London club address is admissible in the case of residents abroad.

[*FOR ENTRY FORM, SEE NEXT PAGE*]

CUT THIS OUT

"BYSTANDER" PARLIAMENTARY FORECAST, SESSION 1911

Below I state what, from my knowledge of the Member of Parliament for my Division, I expect will be the part played by him in Speech and Vote during the Parliamentary Session now in progress. I agree to accept as final the decision of the Editor of THE BYSTANDER *as to the result of the Competition.*

NAME OF CONSTITUENCY	MEMBER'S NAME	PARTY	FORECAST OF NO. OF SPEECHES (INCLUDING QUESTIONS)	NO. OF DIVISIONS IN WHICH HE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE

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ELECTOR or RESIDENT. (Strike your pen through either of these.)

THE RADICAL ROUT!

GROWING STRENGTH OF UNIONISM!

HAS HALDANE HALLUCINATIONS?

IS ALL WELL WITH OUR NAVY?

(With apologies to Mr. J. L. Garvin, Editor of the "Observer")

EVENTS are not shaping quite as Ministerialists had, in the fulness of their hearts, expected. Mr. Asquith's latest utterance has not added to his reputation as a statesman. It has, if anything, strengthened the hands of the Opposition. The cry for Reform from Within grows louder every day—as we said from the beginning that it would. Lord Lansdowne's masterly stroke—which, in justice to ourselves, we anticipated by some ten days or so—has completely taken the wind out of the sails of the Government craft and left her becalmed on the oily sea of Public Indifference.

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The olive branch is rapidly becoming a two-edged sword, and the Second Chamber will emerge from the fray stronger even than before. The unwieldy Coalition drum has been thumped in vain, and has developed into the smallest of tin trumpets. What we may call "The Coronation Dodge" has been a dismal failure. It has been exposed in all its hideous nakedness. The idea of exploiting the solemn crowning of His Majesty King George was so repugnant to the country that, as we foresaw, it had to be reluctantly abandoned.

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Mr. Asquith's speeches during the week have been less remarkable for their contents than for what they did *not* contain. He is in favour, he declares, of some sort of bi-cameral Government. He gives us no sort of hint as to the composition of any Second Chamber which would meet with his gracious approval. Mr. Balfour, on the other hand, has made his position as clear as crystal. The words he used were almost identical with those we employed last week. The point we have so often laboured, that Unionists represent nine-twentieths of the nation, was rubbed in by the Opposition leader in a masterly manner. Ministers have run their heads against a brick wall, and are beginning to realise that in an encounter of this kind it is not the bricks that usually come off worst.

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Let us turn for a moment to the Army Estimates. Not that they are anything but unsatisfactory, but merely for a change. Mr. Haldane, utterly ignoring the advice we tendered six months ago, has put forward Estimates which, if published as a skit in a German comic paper, would undoubtedly be provocative of mirth. For us, unfortunately, it is no laughing matter. Rightly or wrongly, we own one quarter of the habitable globe. What force does this philosophic lawyer give us to protect this vast territory? Let us see. A so-called Regular Army, which he proposes to reduce; a so-called Reserve, which looks better on paper than it would in putties; a mongrel force in lieu of the Militia; and a motley collection of half-baked, smooth-faced youths which he calls—save the mark!—"The Territorial Army." For this we are to pay £27,000,000! The thing is an impudent fraud. Let the Unionist Party (who, as we have frequently pointed out, represent nineteen-twentieths of the nation) see to it.

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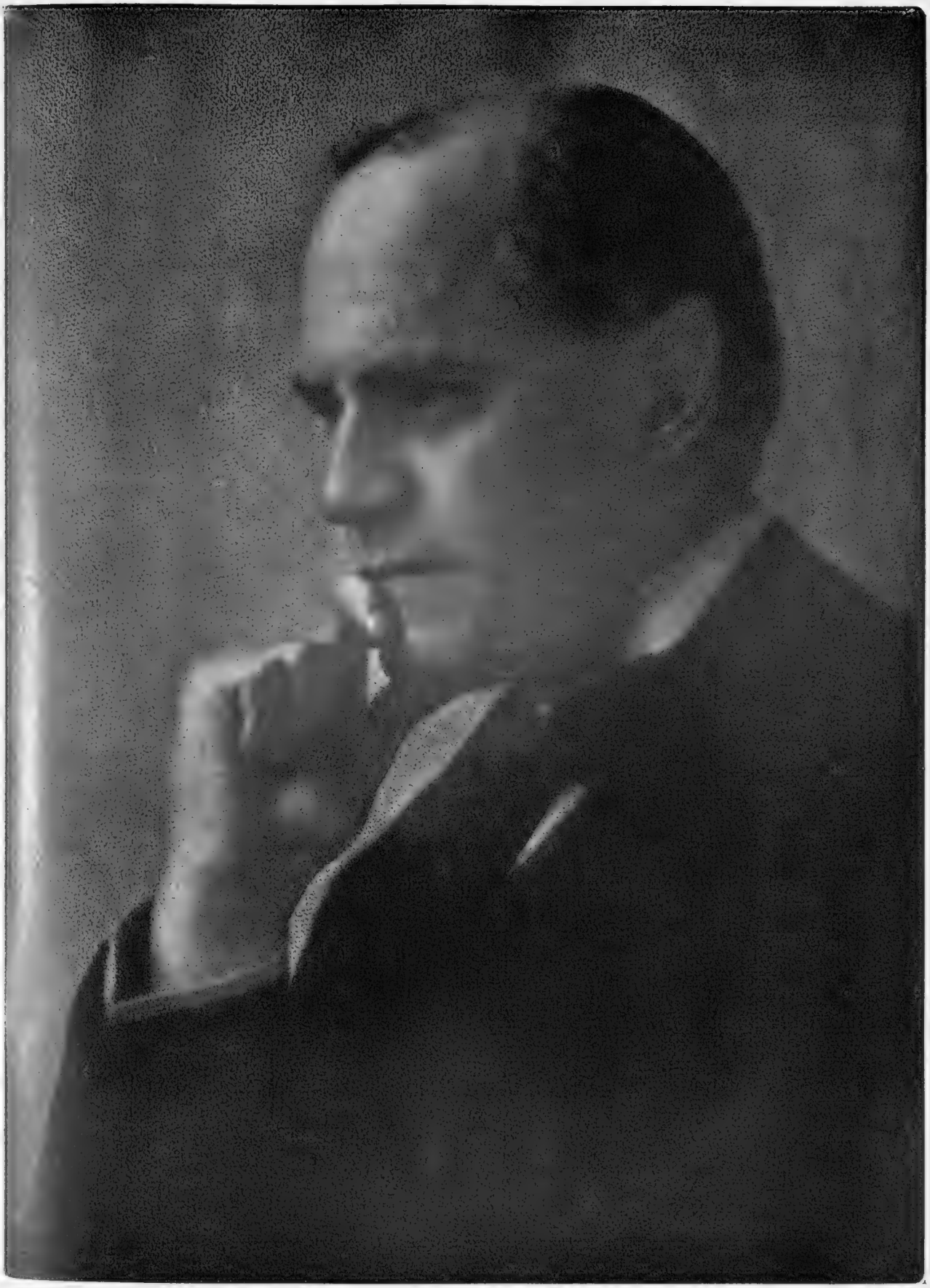
"Watchman, what of the Navy?" It is an axiom that without an overwhelmingly strong Navy the whole elaborate fabric of Empire must come tumbling and crashing to the ground. Is our Navy overwhelmingly strong? Let us look at this. The Two-Power standard has long since been relegated to the limbo of forgotten pledges. Has it ever occurred to the amiable doctrinaire whose duty it is to see that Britannia rules the waves to substitute any other standard? Has it ever occurred to him *why* the Kaiser is coming to this country in May? To unveil the Queen Victoria Memorial? Yes, but Heaven help us if he unveils our naval weakness at the same time! We warned Mr. McKenna twelve months ago; we told him then the minimum number of *Dreadnoughts* we required. He cannot deny this. We defy him to attempt to do so. There must be no more cheeseparing. We are near enough the rind as it is. Unionists must bear in mind that they represent nine-tenths of the——

[Stars, please.—ED., BYSTANDER.] W. H. B.

An Aristocrat of Intellect

WHO HAS JUST PUBLISHED A VIVID STUDY OF THE ARISTOCRACY OF BIRTH AND WEALTH



Camera Portrait] MR. JOHN GALSWORTHY *[E. O. Hoppé, F.R.P.S*

Whose latest novel, "The Patrician," has just been published, and provides an interesting example of his talent as a novelist. Mr. Galsworthy's plays and novels have hitherto consisted of studies of social conditions. His latest book is noteworthy, however, mainly for its story and characterisation, the author being not nearly so satirical as usual

GERMANS GIVEN AWAY AT LAST!

THE BYSTANDER IN BERLIN DISCOVERS THEM TO HAVE A HUMAN WEAKNESS

THE Berlin Bystander is not by nature vicious; but he confesses that he gives way willingly to an insuppressible smug chuckle whenever he finds a German tripping. This is not because he dislikes Germans; on the contrary, he loves them. It is because he has read so much in the British Press of their superior wisdom, efficiency, industry, patriotism, sagacity, and scientific infallibility. He has, therefore, been watching carefully for indications that even Germans are made of common clay. And now that he has collected sufficient evidence he is going to give their whole case away.

Firstly, the German is quite as credulous as the Englishman. At present he is suffering from a deadly mania for discovering millions which are only waiting to be claimed by rightful heirs. Nearly every German has lately discovered that he is one of seventy persons who have an equal share in a long-dead Austrian prince's estate, or in the plantations of some East Indian nabob who died a century ago of jaundice and tedium. Wonderful tales are being unfolded of fortunes of from five to twenty millions which are locked up in banks, or held by Trustees sworn to eternal secrecy. And meetings are held all over the Fatherland to organise the fighting of the claims; and to engage eminent lawyers at unexampled fees.

The Marriage Maritime
The clergyman of Berlin's floating church escorting a happy young couple shorewards after the ceremony

But when the preparations are perfect, and the lawyers' fees have been paid, the *causes célèbres* subside, and everyone forgets them. The trouble is, no one can find the money. The heirs can be easily located, and their portraits as future millionaires and local benefactors appear in the provincial Press. Last week, for instance, the 250 heirs of a certain Johann Christopher Kilp met at Frankfurt to arrange for taking possession of a fortune of £7,890,000. They appointed a committee of seventeen to conduct the process, and subscribed several hundred pounds for costs. They also retained Dr. Hosbach, a distinguished jurist, and announced to the Press that everything was in order to prove the claim to the £7,890,000. But, alas, not a single one of the 250 claimants could instruct the committee as to where the £7,890,000 was lodged. And exactly the same thing happened with the claim of seventy-three gentlemen of Leipzig to the £13,500,000 property of Don Carlos las Casas, a Spanish grandee, who ruled with Alva in the Netherlands. And have you heard about the "Talar"?

A "Talar" is a robe or gown. The Kaiser lately invented one. That is, His Majesty founded an institution known as the "Kaiser Wilhelm (Scientific) Stiftung"; and decreed that any man who subscribed to the funds should have the rank of Senator, and the right to wear a special "Talar." His Majesty approved as "Talar" a flaunting garment of brightest emerald and richest orange hues. The "Talars" were merely intended to catch the eyes of heavy-pursed merchants and thus make them pay up. But peaceful as was their origin, they have led to as much contention as do Orange and Green in Belfast on the glorious Twelfth of July.

The fact is, the "Talars" proved too bright and good for human nature's daily food. They caused envy. The prosperous, new-made "Senators" turned up gorgeously arrayed in them at the last Court ball. They were not the only "Talars" present. University dons, senators of the Academy of Arts, and other dignitaries came in their accustomed "Talars." Hitherto these, glowing in purple and gold, had been the cynosure of all eyes. This time they were utterly ignored. All men's vision turned towards the Emerald-and-Orange senators. And grey-bearded savants, who had located the microbe of vanity and discovered cures for cancer guaranteed to kill in a week, found themselves utterly and unjustifiably cast into purple obscurity.

And now the savants are angry at the Kaiser's lack of consideration. A Sovereign of imagination and insight, they claim, would have foreseen the evil results of trifling with dangerous colours, and stuck, like the modest coster-girl, to plain purple. However, one man's food is another man's poison; and the Berlin Bystander is delighted. He has discovered that even the great scientists who have made modern Germany are not above mortal weaknesses.

Present at the Race for His Own Cup

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE BOTH SPECTATOR AND PRIZE-GIVER AT THE CALCUTTA MEETING

The Paddock before the Race for the German Crown Prince's Cup

Iditional glamour was cast on the Calcutta February Meeting this year by the presence of the German Crown Prince. His Imperial Highness took great interest in the day's sport, and is rumoured to have backed the winner of the race for his own Cup

Watching the Race for the Prince's Cup

Lowest on the steps is the Viceroy, Lord Hardinge of Penshurst. Above him (with glasses raised) is the German Crown Prince. The Prince drove to the races with the Viceroy and was greeted by a huge crowd. Mr. Apcar's Lawn Sand won the Prince's Cup. His Imperial Highness was heartily cheered on his departure to return to Barrackpur

London Nights Entertainments

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

"THE LILY" AT THE KINGSWAY THEATRE

THIS well-known play is about the selfishness of man, but there is the glamour of romance about it which makes it a most attractive theme for dramatic discussion. The characters are all intensely human, and they are part of a story that has in a very considerable measure the desirable quality known as "grip." We have the Comte de Maigny, a foppish nobleman of the old school, who, though well on in middle age, is still occupied with irregular *liaisons* that are gradually absorbing all his money and all his property. We are told that he has even sold the family pictures from the walls of his *château* in order to gratify the taste for jewellery of one of his frail acquaintances. But his crowning offence is his interference in the marriage projects of his daughters, who have now and again threatened to bestow themselves on a suitor in response to the vulgar promptings of mere love, when everybody knows that what we want nowadays is more money. The eldest daughter, Odette, is already a woman of thirty-five, with all her illusions behind her. She has remained single because her father would not allow her to encourage a suitor whose income was hopelessly disproportionate to his great affection.

Sketched at the Kingsway Theatre by Norman Morrow

The younger daughter, Christiane, is twenty-five, and is looking forward resignedly to confirmed spinsterhood, when she happens to meet a handsome young artist, who falls in love with her. The artist has a wife, from whom he is separated, and who does not see why she should divorce him in order that he may marry someone else. Women are always so unreasonable. It will thus be seen that in going to meet her married friend, Christiane is playing with fire rather dangerously; and the excitement of the play comes when the stern old father discovers her clandestine meetings, which have, indeed, already given rise to gossip in the neighbourhood. Charged with her error, Christiane denies it flatly; but her duplicity is discovered when she falls into a trap her loving father has laid for her. Goaded finally to desperation by the promise of a thrashing, Christiane openly defies the parental authority, and, to the Comte's surprise, she is supported in her contumacy by her elder sister, whom everybody thought so happy and so cheerfully resigned to her lot of single blessedness. After Christiane, with the greater ardour of youth, has declared war against her father, Odette takes the floor and gives the scandalous old man what is commonly called a "straight talk" upon the errors of his decidedly misspent life. The abrupt awakening into life of Odette after two acts of filial acquiescence produces a very dramatic moment; and her dignified protest, joined with the fiery rebellion of Christiane, makes the third act of this play a veritable storm of thrills.

Miss Mabel Hackney suddenly reveals an unsuspected strength, and I do not see how her part could have been more intensely or more convincingly acted. It is a very fine performance indeed. Miss Geraldine Olliffe's quieter speech as Odette becomes powerful in its turn by force of contrast, and there is a clever suggestion all the while that her words are being spoken more in sorrow than in anger. Mr. Lawrence Irving is very impressive as the old *roué*, but his performance becomes a little uneven from a quaint mannerism which seems to make him lose his hold of the situation every now and then, as if he were anxious to assure us that he is not really angry, you know, but is only doing it to amuse us. Still, one should not look a gift horse in the mouth, and strong plays are not rained on us every week. *The Lily* is a piece to be seen.

Sketching (not Painting) the Lily

Mr. Norman Morrow, deterred by the well-known injunction from painting "The Lily," has compromised the matter by making sketches of it instead

"LOAVES AND FISHES"

AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE

Mr. R. Somerset Maugham calls his new play a "satire," but I think it would have been better described as a caricature. He has built his

Sketched at the Duke of York's Theatre by Norman Morrow

"satire" on a text of Molière's *Tartuffe*—which was itself such a bitter attack on religious hypocrisy that it was stopped after the first performance—doubtless because it hit the majority too hard. The idea is that a priest is not less human for being in Orders, though it seems to me hardly fair to imply, as Mr. Maugham thereby does, that most men are of the distinctly unlovable temperament of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Theodore Spratte. Mr. Maugham, no doubt, speaks of clergymen as Thackeray spoke of women—as he has found them—and it is not his fault if his experience has been a little peculiar. I have in my time known a good many "worldly" parsons and priests, but I have usually found them less concerned with the loaves and fishes than with the result of the more convivial miracle at Cana of Galilee. The place-hunter, buoyed up by his faith in the dismal gospel of Getting On, is, as a rule, a rather tiresome person, as Canon Spratte would have been if Mr. Maugham had not made him so deliciously sordid.

Still, I cannot help thinking that Mr. Maugham has dipped his pen in rather vitriolic ink. Canon Spratte has no redeeming feature at all. Although he already holds high office in the Church, he seems to think of nothing but his own material progress. An attractive widower of fifty, he throws himself at the feet of an extremely eligible widow with five thousand a year, and he breaks off his engagement at the first excuse when he learns that her money does not go with her. After that, he fixes his wary eye on a young girl half his age, whose only merit in his eyes is that she is the daughter of a wealthy brewer. He raises a mighty laugh by declaiming ecstatically that the greatness of the Empire will be assured when the Church and the licensed victuallers stand shoulder to shoulder—a rather happy comment on a well-known election cry.

It is a blow to Canon Spratte when he finds that his daughter has been so far carried away by the eloquence of an ardent young Socialist as to fall in love with him. But he is too astute a schemer to be troubled for long by this threatened leavening of the mushroom nobility of his family. He affects, with the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove, to approve his daughter's choice; and he invites a young friend of his, a wealthy peer, to call as often as possible. He also encourages his daughter to visit her Socialist lover in his haunt at Peckham; and, more than that, he invites the young man's mother and sister to the Vicarage, where they present a depressing contrast—as he knew they would—to the refinement of their surroundings. The play contains no surprises. With only a slight check here and there, the Canon progresses step by step until he has gained the whole world he covets.

A phenomenal detail is the length of the leading part, most admirably represented by Mr. Robert Loraine. Mr. Loraine is, with very few intervals, on the stage from the rise to the fall of the curtain. He bears the burden of the play upon his shoulders and bears it very well indeed. Miss Florence Haydon gives another of her clever character-studies as the mother of the young Socialist; and Miss Mary Barton as her daughter is distinctly entertaining. I do not hold a brief for the clergy—indeed, I find myself amused frequently when I hear smart things said at their expense; but I find it difficult to believe that Canon Spratte represents a very prolific type. The test of a satire is its closeness to the truth, and to that extent I shall prefer to believe that Mr. Maugham's description of his play is misapplied. On the other hand, we live in, happily, broad-minded days, and Mr. Maugham's witty lines and sparkling dialogue can be thoroughly enjoyed without being taken too seriously.

JINGLE.

Sketched at the Duke of York's Theatre by Norman Morrow

The Cri. Baby

PRINCIPALS IN "BABY MINE" AT THE CRITERION THEATRE

Miss Iris Hoey and Mr. Donald Calthrop, as the one-time quarrelsome and afterwards reconciled young husband and wife in "Baby Mine"

Miss Hoey scores a great success in this play, her work being acclaimed by all the critics. Mr. Calthrop plays a part that is, perhaps, hardly worthy of his talent

Photographs

Miss Iris Hoey and Mr. Weedon Grossmith

Hero quarrels with heroine and scoots to Newcastle (little Sea in Northumberland). Why? Because Weedon Grossmith took heroine to luncheon. Heroine and Grossmith plot to coax hero back. Why not tell hero he has suddenly become a father? No sooner said than done! Grossmith borrows a baby. Hero melts. Real mother of child demands baby back. More trouble for Grossmith, who now borrows twins. Hero melts twice over. Mother of twins wants babies back, but, before all three babies can be returned to respective mothers, hero finds the lot together and melts thrice over. Most fathers not like this. Far from it. Still, roars of laughter, and all that

Foulsham and Banfield

Miss Iris Hoey, Heroine of "Baby Mine"

THE LOOK OF THINGS

FROM A BYSTANDER'S POINT OF VIEW

IT seems a little dull, after one has waited breathlessly and anxiously to know exactly what the various Coronation routes will be, to find that they are going to be the same old routes we know so well.

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Why, when we have a new King, not have a new Coronation route?

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Of course, it will be argued by the old fogeys that the route that was good enough for King George's forefathers is good enough for King George. But I don't know, as a matter of fact, that, in the choice of routes, the King is very much considered. He is supposed on this great occasion to fall in with the public wishes.

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What many people would like to see would be a Coronation route through some of our outer suburbs—Tooting, Wandsworth, and so forth. Dwellers in these peaceful parts would much enjoy selling window-seats to Duchesses and rich Americans, and if there was any real spirit in the Duchesses and rich Americans, they would equally enjoy buying window-seats in Tooting and sitting in them, and seeing the Tooting Smart Set, and so forth, as well as the actual participants in the procession.

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Quite strictly speaking, a route—even a Coronation route—ought to follow certain definite lines—between the Palace and the Abbey, say—and Tooting or Wandsworth would be outside those lines. Actually, there is very little in this. The great point about the route is that you should be able to buy a seat along it at a high price, and that after waiting some time the procession should pass. These things could be managed anywhere, and it is high time the suburbs spoke up for themselves.

At the Fancy Dress Ball

"Jack was coming as Bacon, but his cold prevented him"
"Pity he couldn't be cured in time"

By Starr Johns

A new task has arisen for those who are trying to keep themselves *au fait* with Coronation affairs in general. Thomas Wheeler, the trusted workman who is weaving the Cloth of Gold for the King and Queen's Coronation robes, "wove two inches of the costly fabric the first day he started"—according to the *Mail*. The task is to find out how many inches a day Thomas has done by now, supposing him in the meanwhile to have taken to Health Bread.

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A committee of foreign cocks asks us to start a competition for a forecast of the number of Bystander'd eggs likely to be hurled at lazy M.P.'s next election. Mere jealousy!

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In Berlin, the President of Police has given orders that the police shall in future be accompanied by dogs. This seems an excellent plan, as for barking purposes dogs are really much better than men, though Germans hitherto never seem to have realised it.

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It is reported that "falcons are to be introduced to the Monte Carlo golf links, and a series of fêtes will be held in which they will play a leading part." Quite what the falcons will do it is difficult to see, but presumably if the golfer has sliced his ball into the rough, he will unhood his falcon and send it in pursuit, as being more vigilant and honest than the average caddie.

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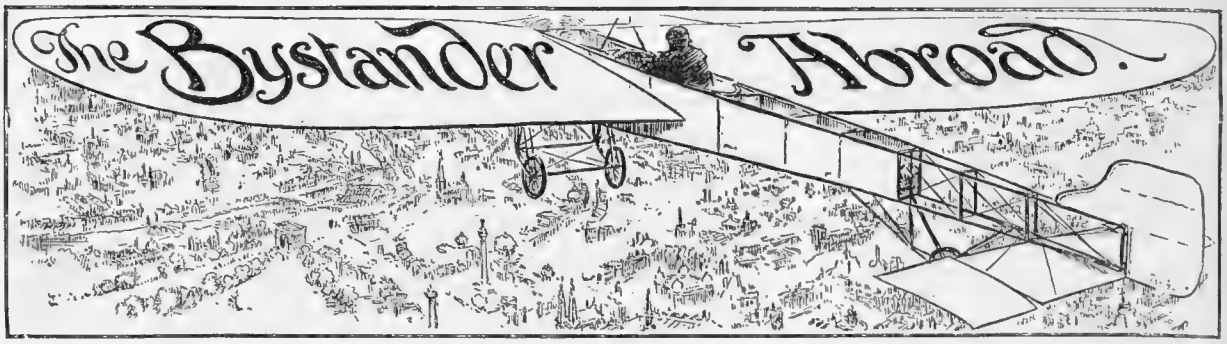
"The water-fowl"—said Dr. Chalmers Mitchell, secretary of the Zoological Society, to a *Daily Mail* representative—"are the first inhabitants of the Zoo to wake up and feel the coming of the spring." It sounds a little like a rebuff to the *Daily Mail* representative, considering how early in the spring he himself was there; but, perhaps, he does not actually inhabit the Gardens?

The Intuitive Salesman

ALL THE DIFFERENCE

The Shopwalker: "Gloves, sir? Yes. For the wife? Or, may we show you something better?"

BY EDWARD BERGMANN



Premiers Scarce

Although he was once Minister of Justice, M. Monis, the new French Premier, is a Senator of no particular brilliancy. He is sufficiently eloquent, and has plenty of tact, but, of course, he is quite overshadowed by *the* great man in the Cabinet, M. Delcassé. No one, outside France, quite realises how difficult it is to get a Prime Minister. M. Fallières has several times asked M. Delcassé to form a Ministry, but he has always refused, giving as his excuse his total ignorance of home affairs. The very great disadvantage of being Prime Minister is the rapidity with which Ministries change in France. Every French politician knows the witty Parisian's answer when he was asked who the French Premier was. He replied, "I have not yet seen the evening paper." And when a Prime Minister falls he cannot take a subordinate position in the new Ministry, whereas a less important Minister can. M. Pichon was Foreign Minister under two succeeding Ministries, and this is the second time that Maître Cruppi takes office. M. Poincaré and M. Millerand both refused to form Ministries because, it is said, they wish to have a chance for the Presidency.

Photograph *Dover Street Studios*

Mme. Bartet

Who has been playing the leading rôle in *Après Moi* at the Théâtre Français, the play which, thanks to anti-Semite disturbance (its author, Bernstein, being a Jew), has had to be withdrawn

Hard Work for Delcassé

For some time past we have prophesied in THE BYSTANDER the return of M. Delcassé, and always as Minister of the Marine, which is at present the most important Ministry of them all. When the papers write that the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Cruppi, will only be M. Delcassé's understudy, they really cannot imagine what an amount of work M. Delcassé will have at the Ministry of Marine. When M. Pichon gave his eloquent and optimistic explanation of the Potsdam interview, he did not say, "We are frightened of Germany," but "We must put all our energy into strengthening our national defences, and especially our Navy."

The French Naval Programme

It is not so much as Minister of Foreign Affairs that Germany feared "the dangerous little man," as Delcassé is known in Germany. When he was Minister before, the French Navy, under that ultra-Socialist-Revolutionary Minister, Pelletan, was next to useless. Bribery and corruption were going on wholesale, riots and mutinies were the order of the day, and when M. Delcassé came out from his seclusion and insisted on the Naval inquiry, the Government wisely kept a discreet silence on the real state of affairs. M. Delcassé, who allowed himself to be interviewed on the subject, said, "Affairs were not as black as they were painted; all reforms must be brought about by exaggeration," but how black affairs were he himself knew full well. The French can never hope to have an army the size of the German Army, for the population of France is about half that of Gemany; but M. Delcassé is determined to make use of the splendid French coast-line, get ahead of Germany in naval strength, and thus balance the defence.

A Practical Politician

M. Cruppi, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, was Minister of Commerce in M. Clemenceau's Cabinet, and a very fine Minister he made. He is a first-rate speaker—a man of great knowledge and a past master in everything connected with commerce. His little book on the procedure of English Courts is considered one of the most interesting ever written on the subject. He came to England and got all his information first-hand. When he was Minister of Commerce he came over and discussed matters of interest with the English President of the Board of Trade, and he is keenly interested in the proposed treaty of commerce between France and England. As Minister of Foreign Affairs he will have an opportunity of developing good business relations with other countries, and particularly with Germany, a country he knows so well. M. Berteaux has already been a colleague of M. Delcassé. His father, wishing him to pick up English business methods and the English language, sent him to Peter Robinson's, but he preferred the Stock Exchange to a business house.

The Italian Court Tragedy

Photograph E.N.A.

THE MURDERED COUNTESS TRIGONA

A lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Italy, who was recently killed in an hotel at Rome by her lover, Prince Paterno, head of an illustrious Sicilian family. The Prince afterwards attempted suicide

FAMOUS IRISH HUNTS AT HOME

No 2 The WESTMEATH

Knockdrin Castle, near which the Westmeath Kennels are Situated

Written and Illustrated by Leonard Willoughby

LEAVING the "Blazers" after witnessing a fox dislodged from the branch of a tree quite 35 ft. high from the ground, and from which it jumped most gallantly—fortunately without injury—I made my way from flat, depressing, stone-walled, unsettled Galway to the more prosperous Mullingar. My headquarters here were with Mr. Frank Barbour, who took over the Westmeath from Mr. Whitworth—who is now in command of the Holderness—some three seasons ago. From what I have heard and seen sport appears to have been flourishing this season, and has quite equalled that of last, which was the best experienced for years.

Hunting proper really commences in the Westmeath about December 1, by which time the great fair at Mullingar has been held and the country cleared of cattle. Prior to this, although hounds are kept in bounds and cannot be allowed to go, still several very good hunts were experienced. The scent since December 1 has been fairly good, and Westmeath has a reputation for being a good scenting country, the character of the land being limestone. It is a grass country from end to end, fenced with banks and walls. These are all negotiable, and, in fact, it is an easy country for horses, especially for farmers desirous of educating their young horses; in fact, several well-known 'chasers have been brought out as three-year-olds and hunted over this country. It is well stocked with foxes, which are chiefly found in gorse coverts, and are generally good stout ones which take some catching. The new kennels are at Culleen, three miles from Mullingar, which is the centre of the country. They were built by the Earl of Longford and given to the country during his Mastership. They are healthy, well-placed buildings, and consist of three lodging rooms, with good yards, close to the huntsman's house.

The old kennels are still used as feeding room and hospital, while the adjoining Hunt stables contain twenty-seven roomy, warm boxes, and are very compact, tidily kept buildings. The Hunt horses are exceptional, and just the right stamp for the country, the Hunt servants being above the ordinary standard. In this respect Mr. Barbour shows a wise discretion in mounting his servants on horses which are the best procurable.

The Westmeath Huntsman and Whips with the Hunt Mascot

As regards the pack, the dogs much resemble the Warwickshire in their necks and shoulders. They have plenty of bone carried right down, and have good feet. Their ribs are well sprung, their backs and loins powerful—so essential for this country. A few of them are still a trifle short in the neck and thick in the shoulders, but this I am sure can be easily improved. In their work they are "toppers" for drawing, drive, and tongue. Nose is first rate, which in this catchy scenting country is most necessary. The bitches have good necks and shoulders, and are

Westmeath Favourites

THE MASTER, MASCOT, AND MEETING-PLACE

A Stately Entrance to a Fine Domain: Knockdrin Castle, Mullingar, the Residence of Sir Richard Levinge, Bt., and a favourite venue for the meets of the Westmeath Hunt

Mr. Frank Barbour, the Popular Master of the Westmeath, with Two Couple of Bitches, and the Hunt Mascot, a Goat (which from lack of information one can only assume is known as either "Billy" or "Nanny")

full of quality, most of them being of Warwickshire and Brocklesby strains. They have just the right frames for brood bitches, and the young hounds coming on are full of promise. In their work they draw well and have plenty of drive; in fact, in this latter respect they are almost too keen. Their music is beautiful, and there is no doubt they are desperately keen for blood. The sport they have shown would be hard to beat anywhere, for, generally speaking, the Westmeath are an exceedingly workmanlike, good-looking, hard-working lot of stout hounds, and reflect the greatest credit on Mr. Barbour's and (that past-master in hound breeding) Jack Brown's judgment and kennel management.

Bringing out the Pack from Kennel

Brown, who came from the Warwickshire, where he was greatly liked by everyone, brought with him a reputation which we all know was no small one, and since his connection with the Westmeath has done wonders with these hounds. He hunts the bitch pack twice a week, and is with his hounds all the time, and is always there when any assistance is wanted. Despite being no feather-weight, he is able to hold his own over a country which two seasons ago was entirely new to him and totally unlike the country he was previously accustomed to. His popularity is great, for he is a great character, and I question who loves his jolly, smiling face most—the Master, the hounds, or the field.

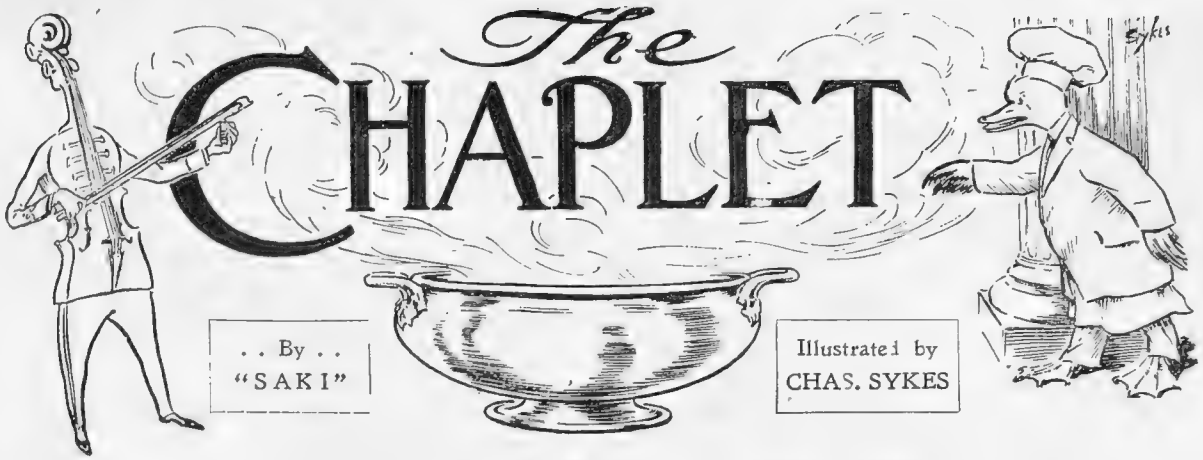
Mr. Barbour hunts the dog pack the other days, and as a rider is hard to beat. His knowledge of hunting hounds is quite on top form, and his patience and quietness with hounds are calculated to enhance sport. He wisely leaves hounds to work out their own problems; at the same time his casts are generally right. There is no doubt that if hounds are keen, the fields are more so, judging by the way they ride, though I am afraid they press on hounds and make it difficult at times for the Master. However, this is characteristic all over Ireland. Nevertheless, they are a cheery, sporting lot, who love a hunt—or shall I say a gallop?—and to their faults in this respect it is, perhaps, possible to be indulgent—in Ireland.

Everything seems to be in a happy state in Westmeath, and likely to remain so, as sport is inbred in the inhabitants, even in the clerics; while, perhaps, the pack to-day is as good, if not better, than any other in Ireland; at least as far as I have seen, and in my humble judgment.

Two Couple and a Half of Valuable Stallion Hounds

The Westmeath hounds are a splendid-looking lot, and reflect great credit on Brown, the huntsman, and Mr. Barbour, the Master

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY:



The CHAPLET

. . By . .
"SAKI"

Illustrated by
CHAS. SYKES

A TRAGEDY OF MUSIC AT MEALTIMES

IT was a gala evening at the Grand Sybaris Hotel and a special dinner was being served in the Amethyst dining hall. The Amethyst dining hall had almost a European reputation, especially with that section of Europe which is historically identified with the Jordan Valley. Its cooking was beyond reproach, and its orchestra was sufficiently highly salaried to be above criticism. Thither came in shoals the intensely musical and the almost intensely musical, who are very many, and in still greater numbers the merely musical, who know how Tchaikowsky's name is pronounced and can recognise several of Chopin's nocturnes if you give them due warning; these eat in the nervous, detached manner of roebuck feeding in the open, and keep anxious ears cocked towards the orchestra for the first hint of a recognisable melody.

"Ah, yes, *Pagliacci*," they murmur, as the opening strains follow hot upon the soup, and if no contradiction is forthcoming from any better-informed quarter they break forth into subdued humming by way of supplementing the efforts of the musicians. Sometimes the melody starts on level terms with the soup, in which case the banqueters contrive somehow to hum between the spoonfuls; the facial expression of enthusiasts who are punctuating *potage St. Germain* with *Pagliacci* is not beautiful, but it should be seen by those who are bent on observing all sides of life. One cannot discount the unpleasant things in this world merely by looking the other way.

In addition to the aforementioned types the restaurant was patronised by a fair sprinkling of the absolutely non-musical; their presence in the dining-hall could only be explained on the supposition that they had come there to dine.

The earlier stages of the dinner had worn off. The wine lists had been consulted, by some with the blank embarrassment of a schoolboy suddenly called on to locate a Minor Prophet in the tangled hinterland of the Old Testament, by others with the severe scrutiny which suggests that they have visited most of the higher-priced wines in their own homes and probed their family weaknesses. The diners who chose their wine in the latter fashion always gave their orders in a penetrating voice, with a plentiful garnishing of stage directions. By insisting on having your bottle pointing to the north while the cork is being drawn, and calling the waiter Max, you may induce an impression on your guests which hours of laboured boasting might be powerless to achieve. For this purpose, however, the guests must be chosen as carefully as the wine.

Standing aside from the revellers in the shadow of a massive pillar was an interested spectator who was assuredly of the feast, and yet not in it. Monsieur Aristide Saucourt was the *chef* of the Grand Sybaris Hotel, and if he had an equal in his profession he had never acknowledged the fact. In his own domain he was a potentate, hedged around with the cold brutality that Genius expects rather than excuses in her children; he never forgave, and those who served him were careful that there should be little to forgive. In the outer world, the world which devoured his creations, he was an influence; how profound or how shallow an influence he never attempted to guess. It is the penalty and the safeguard of genius that it computes itself by troy weight in a world that measures by vulgar hundredweights.

Once in a way the great man would be seized with a desire to watch the effect of his master-efforts, as the guiding brain of Krupp's might wish at a supreme moment to intrude into the firing line of an artillery duel. And such an occasion was the present. For the first time in the history of the Grand Sybaris Hotel he was presenting to its guests the dish which he had brought to that pitch of perfection which almost amounts to scandal. *Canetons à la mode d'Amblève.* In thin gilt lettering on the creamy white of the menu how little those words conveyed to the bulk of the imperfectly educated diners. And yet how much specialised effort had been lavished, how much carefully treasured lore had been ungarnered, before those six words could be written. In the Department of Deux-Sèvres ducklings had lived peculiar and beautiful lives and died in the odour of satiety to furnish the main theme of the dish; *champignons*, which even a purist for Saxon English would have hesitated to address as mushrooms, had contributed their languorous atrophied bodies to the garnishing, and a sauce devised in the twilight reign of the Fifteenth Louis had been summoned back from the imperishable past to take its part in the wonderful confection. Thus far had human effort laboured to achieve the desired result; the rest had been left to human genius—the genius of Aristide Saucourt.

And now the moment had arrived for the serving of the great dish, the dish which world-weary Grand Dukes and market-obsessed money magnates counted among their happiest memories. And at the same

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moment something else happened. The leader of the highly salaried orchestra placed his violin caressingly against his chin, lowered his eyelids, and floated into a sea of melody.

"Hark!" said most of the diners, "he is playing 'The Chaplet.'"

They knew it was "The Chaplet" because they had heard it played at luncheon and afternoon tea, and at supper the night before, and had not had time to forget.

"Yes, he is playing 'The Chaplet,'" they reassured one another. The general voice was unanimous on the subject. The orchestra had already played it eleven times that day, four times by desire and seven times from force of habit, but the familiar strains were greeted with the rapture due to a revelation. A murmur of much humming rose from half the tables in the room, and some of the more overwrought listeners laid down knife and fork in order to be able to burst in with loud clappings at the earliest permissible moment.

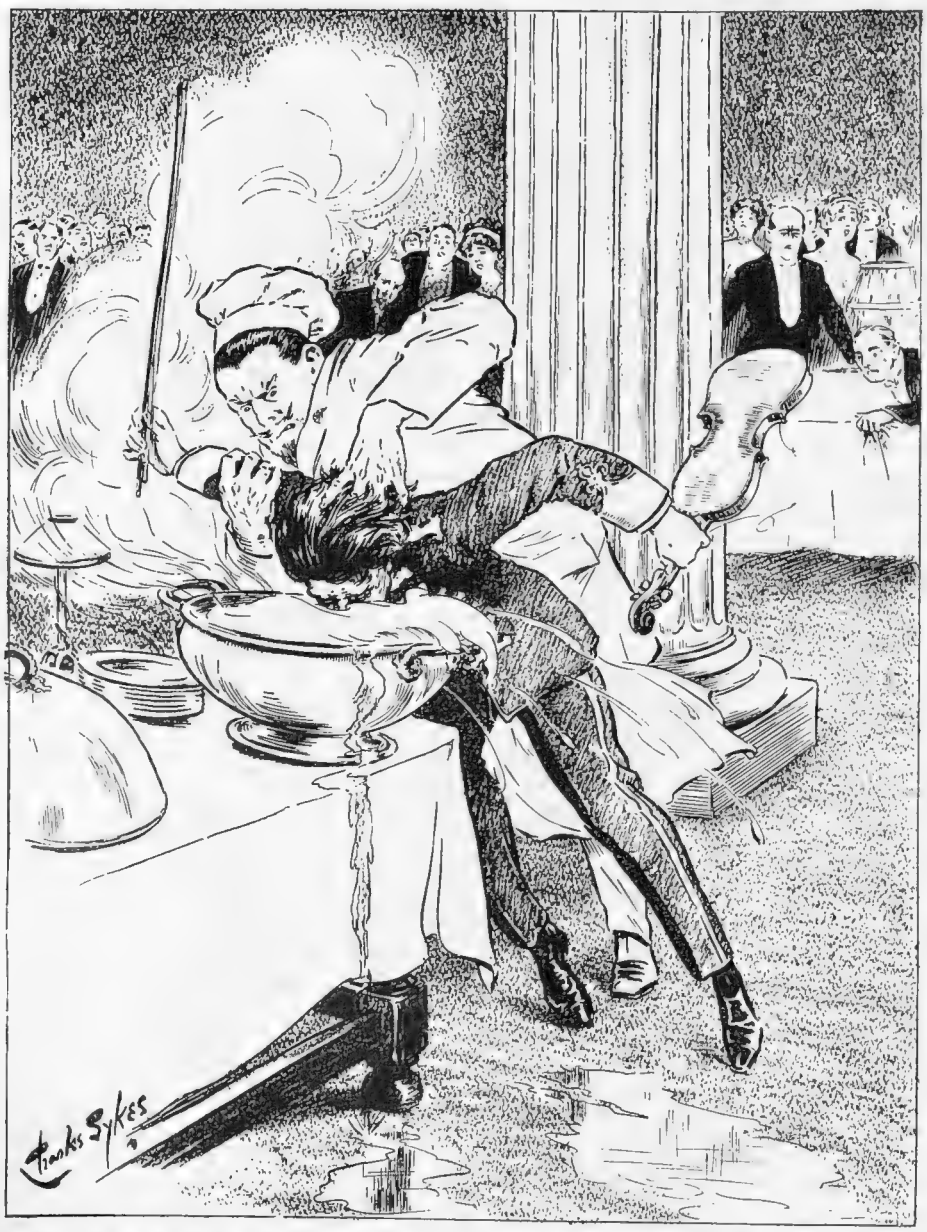
And the *Canetons à l mode d'Amblève?* In stupified, sickened wonder Aristide watched them grow cold in total neglect, or suffer the almost worse indignity of perfunctory pecking and listless munching while the banqueters lavished their approval and applause on the music-makers. Calves' liver and bacon, with parsley sauce, could hardly have figured more ignominiously in the evening's entertainment. And while the master of culinary art leaned back against the sheltering pillar, choking with a horrible brain-searing rage that could find no outlet for its agony, the orchestra leader was bowing his acknowledgments of the hand-clappings that rose in a storm around him. Turning to his colleagues he nodded the signal for an *encore*. But before the violin had been lifted anew into position there came from the shadow of the pillar an explosive negative.

"Noh! Noh! You do not play thot again!"

The musician turned in furious astonishment. Had he taken warning from the look in the other man's eyes he might have acted differently. But the admiring plaudits were ringing in his ears, and he snarled out sharply, "That is for me to decide."

"Noh! You play thot never again," shouted the *chef*, and the next moment he had flung himself violently upon the loathed being who had supplanted him in the world's esteem. A large metal tureen filled to the brim with steaming soup, had just been placed on a side table in readiness for a late party of diners; before the waiting staff or the guests had time to realise what was happening Aristide had dragged his struggling victim up to the table and plunged his head deep down into the almost boiling contents of the tureen. At the further end of the room the diners were still spasmodically applauding in view of an *encore*.

Whether the leader of the orchestra died from drowning by soup, or from the shock to his professional vanity, or was scalded to death, the doctors were never wholly able to agree. Monsieur Aristide Saucourt, who now lives in complete retirement, always inclines to the drowning theory. "SAKI"



"Aristide had dragged his struggling victim up to the table and plunged his head deep down into the almost boiling contents of the tureen"

Prim and Pretty Prudence

MISS ALICE POLLARD

Who is now playing in Mr. George Edwardes' "The Quaker Girl" touring company. Miss Pollard is a New Zealander, and is scoring a real triumph as the demure Prudence

A British Landing in Persia

Told By A Marine

Mrs. Cox, the wife of the Consul at Bushire, practising with a 12-pounder. In the rear, standing with his daughter, is Major Cox

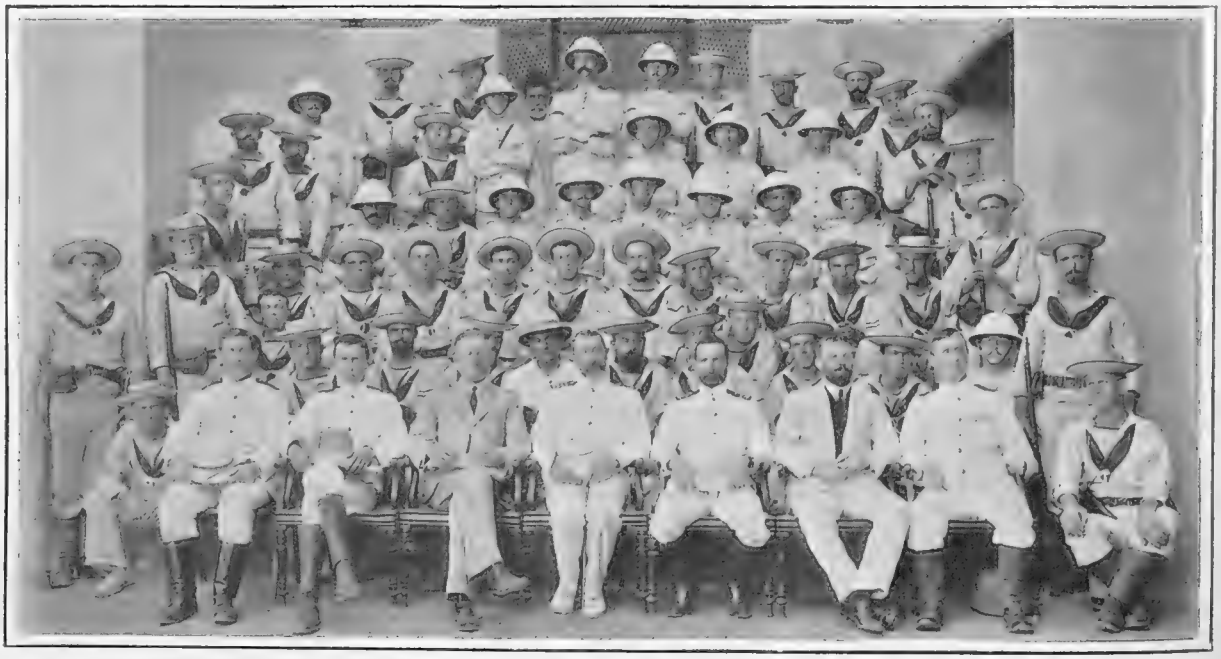
Photographs taken by a distinguished Persian Merchant

IT is proverbial that "history repeats itself." Returning home after a couple of years' more or less exciting experiences as a private of the Royal Marines in the cruiser *Fox* in the Persian Gulf, I found that a party from the same ship had been recently landed at Lingah, a port in the Gulf, at the request of Major Cox, the British Resident at Bushire, to deal with a force of tribesmen threatening to loot the place. Bushire itself was, when I was in the Gulf, the scene of a very similar trouble, an account of which, it now occurs to me, may make good reading, especially as I can illustrate it with some photographs of the scenes, which I have brought home.

Nearly two years ago, when the *Fox* was engaged in the suppression of gun-running in the Gulf, and dhow-chasing had been reduced to a form of sport by Captain Hunt, he got word from Major Cox that assistance was urgently needed at Bushire (at the north-eastern corner of the Gulf), the town having been raided by tribesmen who had revolted against the taxation methods of the Seyid (the official "boss" of the place). The local Persian soldiery had refused to deal with the matter owing to arrears of pay.

We picked up our patrol boats and made for the seat of the trouble. The political aspect of the situation did not interest us, but we were glad of any chance of a "scrap," the dhow crews having so far shown little or no fight. A landing-party of about 200, including Marines, of whom I was one, was told off from the ship's company, and on Easter Sunday, 1909, we pulled off in the ship's boats. Landing was no easy matter. Just opposite the Residency, watched from the shore by a mob of nasty-looking natives with arms slung, we jumped out of the boats into water up to our arm-pits. Once on dry ground we threw out a semi-circular firing line in case of resistance, while some of us unloaded the boats piling up bedding, provisions, and ammunition on the beach, and carrying them thence to the Residency. We had also brought a couple of Maxims and a 12-pounder with us. But there was no active resistance.

The Residency is surrounded by high walls, at two corners of which we placed the Maxims in commanding positions, and in the yard, trained on the main gate, our 12-pounder. Inside the gate was mounted a mixed guard of bluejackets and Marines, and another guard was posted at the Custom House, and a sentry at the Russian Consulate close by. Our first duty was to protect the British Residency and its occupants,



The Consulate Guard at Bushire: The Captain in the centre, and, on his right, the Consul; the men wearing helmets are Royal Marines

The new Governor after landing, with the crowd that met him "with evil intent." He has only one eye, but this was sufficient to terrorise the mob, so he still lives

Residency otherwise, as there might have been trouble with the wild tribesmen who flocked into and out of the town. Among our baggage we had not forgotten to include a football, and the natives, as spectators, enjoyed many an informal match without the inconvenience of gate-money.

An amusing incident during our occupation of Bushire was afforded by the Persian soldiery who had "struck." When they discovered that we were not prepared at a moment's notice to settle with them over their arrears of pay, they "piled arms" on the drill-ground, and took up their quarters on the sand under the walls of the Residency, devoting most of their time to sleeping, and living principally on the refuse of our food. All the force which we had to use during our period of occupation was in ejecting the hostile tribesmen from the Custom House, of which they had taken possession with a view to loot.

By the time that we had concluded our very pleasant six weeks' visit to Major and Mrs. Cox at the Residency the Persian soldiery had been paid off, and, thanks to the pacifying diplomacy of Captain Hunt and the

Arms and Tents of Persian Soldiers "On Strike": A Humorous Incident

The Persian soldiery, when they discovered that the British officers were not disposed at once to settle their arrears of pay, piled arms on the drill-ground and went away

including Major Cox, Mrs. Cox, and their daughter. Let me mention, by the way, that Major Cox holds no sinecure office. If his billet were in a more conspicuous part of the world he would be as well advertised as the one-time commander of Mafeking or the present Marylebone police magistrate.

Bushire is a typical Persian coast town, composed of a bazaar, a number of squalid hovels, and some flat-roofed houses occupied by comparatively prosperous townsfolk. On the roof of each of these houses an armed watchman was posted, who had an unpleasant habit of firing off his gun several times during the night to justify his salary, whatever that might be. The noise and the occasional pattering of bullets on our walls so disturbed our rest that Major Cox issued an order that armed watchmen were no longer necessary. Then we managed to get some sleep.

Apart from guard-mounting, we had no other definite duties except to provide an occasional escort for the Resident and his family to and from the bazaar. We were not allowed to go any distance from the Resident, the troublesome tribesmen had dispersed. We rejoined the *Fox* to show the enterprising gun-runners that we had not deserted them altogether and had not forgotten how to capture a dhow.

The Admiral Entering the Bushire Consulate

The Pre-Lent Carnival in Cologne

BY ONE WHO TOOK PART IN IT

A Highly Fantastic Feature of the Procession

One of the Cars in the Great Procession. It represents a Roman Galley

THE original excuse for the Cologne Carnival was that, since it was regarded as improper to dance or make merry in Lent, a time should be set apart just before that season in which the people could play the fool to their hearts' content.

The present writer has experienced the Carnival with a party of twelve Bonn students, and dare not describe all he saw, even if he felt capable of doing so. Observing a proper discretion, therefore. . . . About mid-day on Quinquagesima Sunday flags begin to fly from different buildings here and there, and the big hotels and restaurants in Cologne and all the districts round-about hire bands of more than usual power and attraction.

If you are a carnivalist, you will go to some comfortable and preferably minor restaurant with your friends, and eat a good tea. About eight o'clock you begin to drink beer, and soon afterwards dancing will commence in the largest room. Sunday evenings are, of course, widely devoted to restaurant-holiday on the Continent, but this evening is something beyond other Sunday evenings. The girls all wear masks, and most of them will drink beer with those men who show most desire for their company. You will become painfully hot in the dancing-room, even though the month is but February, but the fun is good and enjoyable. Only, if you have spent a merry evening, be sure and leave before twelve, for the removal of the masks is often a disappointment.

Cologne on the Monday is a sight to see. All—whether little children or bald-headed business men—wear paper hats or gaudy clothes, and blow trumpets and throw confetti. All laws save those against open pillage are suspended for the day. Do not fail to breaking windows or fighting in the streets, and you may do practically what you like. You may accost and kiss any woman in the streets, and she knows it. The streets are jammed with people, and all traffic is suspended. Shop-windows fetch huge rents on the thoroughfares along which the procession will pass. The procession, which lasts generally from two o'clock till four, is the principal item of the day. Everyone is abroad till then, blowing horns and singing and throwing confetti; but after the procession is over the great crowd all pours into the restaurants. Cologne does not go to bed on Rosenmontag night, if it can keep itself awake and conscious.

F. M. C.

The Scene in One of the Less Crowded Streets: Note People on the House-tops

If you are not fond of horse-play it is as well to secure a window or roof seat to view the procession. The good people of Cologne are no respecters of persons in Carnival-time

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"THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA," AND OTHER JESTURE PLAYS BY BERNARD SHAW

"Enquire Within for Everything"

Really to review Mr. Bernard Shaw's new book would take about six numbers of THE BYSTANDER, using up all the letterpress space available. It would be a fraud to attempt criticising in one article a volume that is really a sort of "Enquire Within." The *Encyclopædia Britannica* is narrow and limited in scope compared to *The Doctor's Dilemma* (Constable: 6*s*.), and even the admirable Cambridge edition is almost out of date beside the prefaces of Mr. Shaw. To save space, I shall drop the Mister. Current folklore, to me so much more interesting than superstitions in the West of Ireland, has never been adequately treated until Shaw introduced it into the rubrics of his plays. But that is only a drop in the ethical bucket—I nearly said shop. Briefly, there is not a single subject of conversation unsuitable for dinner-tables that Shaw does not thrash out with some of that feeling which he ascribes to Admirals and other advocates of corporal punishment. He has the lust of battle and controversy. That is why the book will be so invaluable to people hard up for ideas of their own. On any point you can say, "I think it such a pity that Shaw . . ."

"Our Own Cruelties"

No one cares tuppence what my opinions are on doctors or vivisection. But lest I seem an idle flatterer, let me confess myself an orthodox sacerdotalist. I believe in Burdon Saunderson, and (with reservations) in Sir Victor Horsley and Sir Almroth Wright. But I look to Bernard Shaw for the resurrection of the drama. My saint is St. Dominic, not St. Francis, who has been recanonised by the Protestant and Free Thinking Churches. Yet no one has ever impeached my side more wittily and more *fairly* than Shaw, and I would refer everyone to page 50 of the preface, to the paragraph headed, "Our Own Cruelties." It has a special message for sporting readers of THE BYSTANDER.

A Real Masterpiece

Then if Shaw did not think as he did he could never have written *The Doctor's Dilemma*, in a sort of way the finest of all his plays. I don't believe there is any drama, certainly in our own language, in which every minor character (even the journalist and the old housekeeper) is as fully presented as the protagonists. Everyone lives—everyone has "tactile value," as Mr. Berenson would say. It's the only novel that has ever been dramatised, or, let me say, the only play that gives you all a novel does, the only novel that gives you everything a play can. There is no padding other than the padding of real life. The dialogue is astonishingly "close"—close as only Ibsen and Shaw can be. The prefaces to these plays are full; but they are empty compared to *The Doctor's Dilemma*. Shaw, of course, will be punished like Ruskin; he is doomed to go down the ages for a great artist; as an artist in drama as Ruskin is in prose. Shavianism, like Ruskinism, I suppose, will pass away. Operations will still be performed five hundred years hence, when the Australian shall, after leaving two or three guineas in Harley Street, lay a wreath on a certain monument in Westminster Abbey.

How We Live

Not very long ago I used to keep a shop, or, rather, part of a shop, Messrs. Carfax and Co., in Bury Street, now a very flourishing business. There was an exhibition of modern pictures on. I was taking the money at the door, or getting as much as I could, for people resent entrance fees at picture galleries. Suddenly Shaw came in, as Mrs. Leverson once said, "looking like a wolf in Dr. Jaeger's clothing." He put down a shilling without being asked. I resisted, saying I could not take anything from one to whom I owed so much. He said, "Nonsense; we live by taking in each other's washing." By an odd coincidence two other great playwrights followed shortly afterwards; we always had intellectual visitors at Carfax. One of them refused to pay. The other took back his shilling gratefully.

A Unique Stage Scene

I was pleased shortly afterwards when Shaw and Granville Barker came in together and asked me to arrange the picture gallery scene in the last act of *The Doctor's Dilemma*. It was only thirty-six hours before the dress rehearsal. Shaw had suddenly thought that there must be real drawings to represent Dubedat's art; and real drawings they were, by artists now famous: Augustus John, William Orpen, Neville Lytton, Albert Rothenstein, Adolf Birkenruth (a contributor to THE BYSTANDER), and some of the Vasari reproductions of Raphael and Andrea Del Sarto. It was costly realism; they were all in ribbons at the end of the run, because there could be no glass owing to the scene-shifting. But I have wandered? That is the worst of Shaw; he lures you away from the main point, and detains you while the curtain is rising on his own drama.

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Two Panorama Plays

Getting Married is one of the panorama plays, as I call them. Shaw claims a Greek form for his own. It seems to me more Granville than Greek. I mean, it belongs to the category of *The Voysey Inheritance* and *The Madras House*, and Mr. McEvoy's *All That Matters*. But *Getting Married* is the only Dialogue of Shaw's that I venture to think unsuited for the stage. In that way it's like *Hamlet*. The characters never get over the footlights any more than Ophelia does. Or it may be truer to say that the audience never gets further than the auditorium. The barbaric Elizabethans were right in their congregational view of drama by placing the smarter audience actually on the stage. Now the dramatist must get us there. With *Blanco Posnet* it is different. You get over the footlights at once. But from reading the drama I would never have suspected that it played so well. Then no plays read better than Shaw's. But I don't think they are distinctively Irish; and I see no resemblance in them whatever to the work of Oscar Wilde, as many critics profess to do. ROBERT ROSS.

Circus Life

The Rose in the Ring, by George Barr McCutcheon (Everett: 6*s*.), is quite a good yarn, but one's enjoyment of it is somewhat marred by the irritating and senseless American mis-spellings of English words. Such atrocities as "center" and "succor" are to be met with over and over again. It would be as well for British publishers to steer clear of such Americanisms, even should the author hail from the States. Apart from this, however, the author has given us some interesting sidelights on circus life. Indeed, it is towards the end of the book, when the circus is left behind us, that the interest is apt to flag at times. The heroine, Christine Braddock, or the "Rose in the Ring," seems to lose much of her attractiveness when severed from the glamour of the ring. Perhaps it is that our imagination has been so impressed by the description of this dainty girl of fifteen, in her rather scanty circus attire, awaiting her "call" or doing her "turn" in the ring—a description admirably helped by the clever illustration in colour facing page 44—that the shock is too great when we see her five years later grown to a beautiful woman, enjoying all the many social advantages that her mother had forfeited by her clandestine marriage. The other characters in the book are all well drawn, although, perhaps, a trifle exaggerated. The deformed Ernie Cronk is a venomous little beast, but the author has shown not a little artistry in his delineation of him. Dick Cronk is a living testimonial to the saying "Honour among thieves," while the hero, David Jenison, is, perhaps, the most real figure in the story.

A Novel for a Journey

For light reading, *Phillida*, by Thomas Cobb (Mills and Boon: 6*s*.), may be highly recommended. It is one of those stories that depend almost entirely on the manner of their telling and not upon an elaborate plot, and which, when well written, are by far the most readable. *Phillida* is written with all the author's accustomed skill and deftness of touch. Perhaps the best delineation is that of Stephen Maurice. Although in the story he figures somewhat as a hero, he is in reality one of those impossible persons who are for ever interfering in other people's business—with the best intentions, be it said. Of course, he unintentionally creates a good deal of mischief, and we are chiefly concerned in his interference between Phillida, the rather changeable heroine, and her lover. This book is primarily one to be read on a railway journey. It is light, amusing, and printed in large, clear type.

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The Last Salute: The Funeral Train Bearing the Remains of Admiral Sir A. G. Curzon-Howe and Mourners Passing the Flagship "Victory"

Admiral the Hon. Sir Assheton Gore Curzon-Howe, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, died last Wednesday. It is rare, indeed, for a British Admiral to die in time of peace in high command. The above highly dramatic photograph shows the old *Victory* saluting the remains of the dead Admiral

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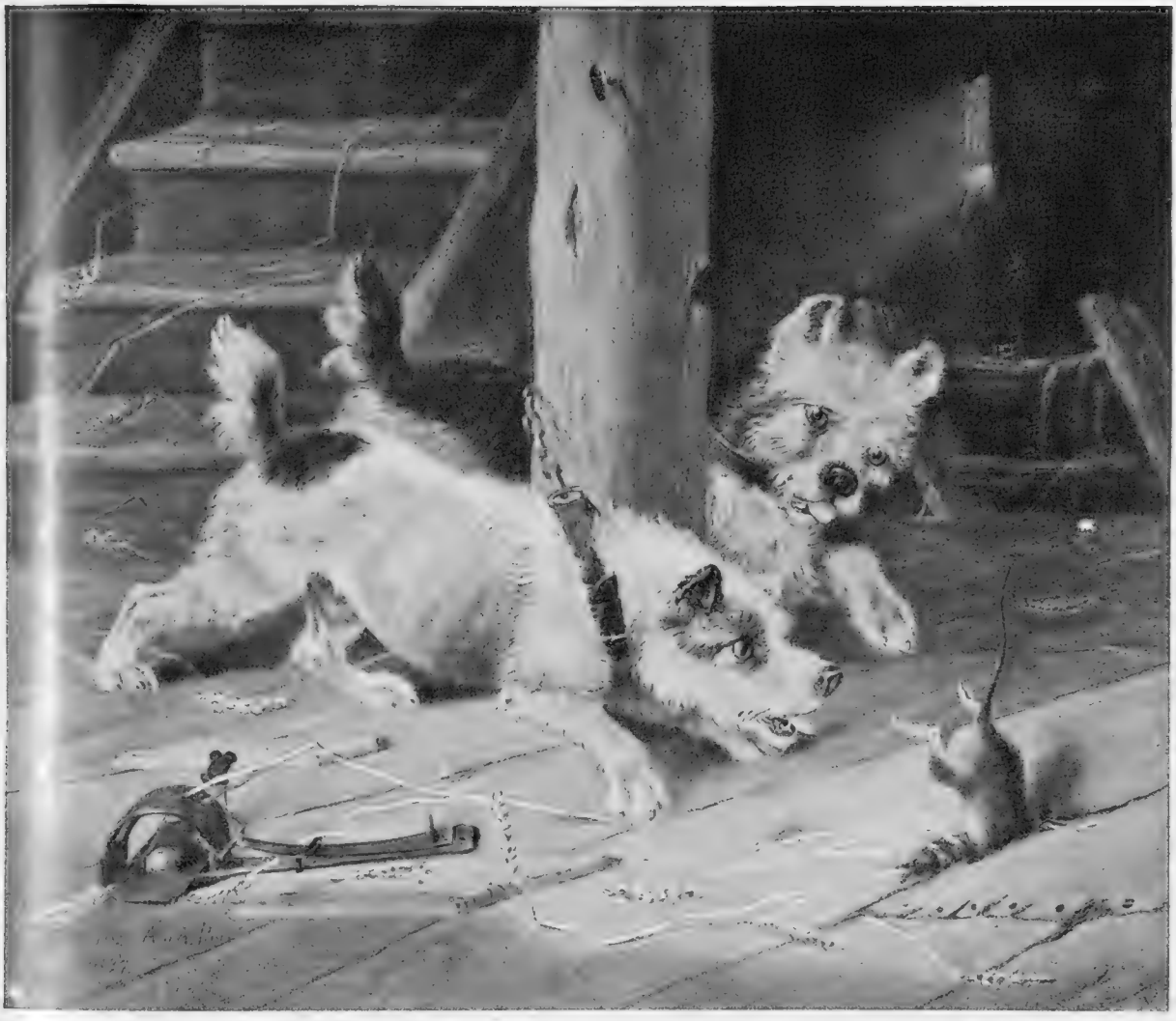

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J. White v. J. Sherlock

There are signs that the winter of our discontent is almost over, and among these signs the surest and best are two most interesting professional matches, which will be played during this and next month. We have not had any outstanding professional match for some time, and the two which I am about to comment on are, therefore, very welcome. In the matter of singles, indeed, we have been very poorly off. The challenge issued by Jack White to James Sherlock and accepted by the latter will give us a match of a kind which was very common in the old days, but which, in these days of constant exhibition matches (generally rather dull affairs), has become so rare as to be quite a pleasing novelty.

White's Recovery

It is hardly necessary to go into the qualifications of the two parties to the match, for their doings are so well known as to need no recapitulation. Jack White has never been quite the same man since he won the Open Championship in 1904. Ill-health has dogged him, and although he has had flashes of his old brilliancy at times he has never again shown anything like his true form in big competitions of recent years. However, I am truly glad to hear that he has got back his health, and with it his old form. He played so well in the Amateur-Professional match at Stoke Poges, and feels so confident in having "recaptured that first fine, careless rapture" as to warrant him in making this stout and serious match. Sherlock, on the other hand, though he has never risen to the first place, has been in a "coming-on" humour for some time. He covered himself with glory and a good deal of solid gold by winning two important match competitions in a very hot field last year, the second triumph being the *News of the World* Competition, in the final of which he made mincemeat of the formidable George Duncan.

James Sherlock
Who has accepted White's challenge. The match will be played at Stoke Poges and Sunningdale

Sherlock's Advance

I commented at the time on Sherlock's fine qualities as a player, and attributed a great measure of his extraordinary improvement to the fact that he has now a fine course, Stoke Poges, on which to extend himself. For a parallel to the case of Sherlock I should go to the billiard world, where Inman has done very much the same thing as Sherlock. Both were looked upon as good sound players, but nothing more, but each, by dogged perseverance and confident faith in his own powers, has made good his claim to be considered a match for the very best player extant. What the result of the White-Sherlock match will be it is, indeed, hazardous to foretell. Personally, I should be inclined to back Sherlock as probably having the more assured confidence of the two. White will be anxious to reassert himself and make good his assertion that he has regained his old powers. He may therefore, be nervous, and as he is a highly strung individual this may militate against him. Sherlock, on the other hand, is of much the same imperturbable temperament as Braid, and will probably come to the match in a serene spirit of confidence. The first thirty-six holes will be at Stoke Poges, and the last thirty-six at Sunningdale, both admirable tests for first-class golf.

Jack White
The Open Champion of 1904, restored to health, has challenged James Sherlock to a home and home match

A Mighty Foursome

The other match is a foursome between Braid and Sherlock as partners and Harry Vardon and Duncan. These couples were the leading protagonists in the Amateur-Professional match at Stoke Poges, where they both played brilliantly, and it is on the same scene that they are going to have a friendly battle. The match ought to be a magnificent one. How soon Stoke Poges has established itself as one of the leading inland courses! It thoroughly deserves its success, and shows what can be done by skilful architecture to make a first-class course out of park land.

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LAWN TENNIS

The Riviera Meetings

The Riviera tournament season is now in full swing. It commenced at San Remo on February 13, and will wind-up with the second of the two meetings held at Cannes, which begins on the 27th of this month. It is a delightful round for those who have the leisure for it; but it has one slight drawback, and that is that, as far as *personnel* goes, one tournament is very like another. The same players are continually encountering each other, and this is apt to become just a shade boring as time goes on. The list of combatants this year is a formidable one. It is headed by the World's Champion, A. F. Wilding, and includes the French Champion, Max Decugis, several German swells, such as F. W. Rahe and the brothers H. and R. Kleinschroth, and one or two Americans, of whom R. N. Williams is a young player of considerable promise. The best of the Englishmen is M. J. G. Ritchie, but he labours under the disadvantage of having barely recovered from a somewhat severe illness. Wilding won the Singles at San Remo (where, however, Rahe made him go all the way) and again at Monte Carlo, where he met Decugis in the final. The Frenchman won the first two sets, but took too much out of himself in doing it, and Wilding, as fresh as when he started, waltzed away with the next three. Wilding is a terrible person to play these days owing to his phenomenal fitness and the use he makes of it, holding himself in at first, even if it costs him a set or two, and then "accelerating" just as his opponent begins to want to slow up. Last week the scene shifted to Mentone, and this week Nice is the centre of attraction. Here Wilding has only to win the Challenge Cup (which carries with it the title of champion of the South of France) once more in order to win it outright. As he and Decugis are obviously the two best men on the Riviera, and as at these meetings the practice of "cooking" the draw seems to be pretty freely indulged in, they may be expected to face each other in several more finals before the curtain is rung down at Cannes. Of the ladies, Miss Salusbury appears to be the best, but she is not having such an easy time as she had last year. Her most formidable rivals are Miss J. Tripp, Mrs. Colston, who has improved her position, Frau Neresheimer, and Mrs. Nutcombe-Quicke.

An International Single: Wilding (Australasia) Beats Decugis (France)

These two players are the protagonists on the Riviera at the present time, and their battles with each other have been eagerly watched by large crowds. Our illustration represents their encounter at Monte Carlo, where Wilding beat Decugis in the final for the Cup by 3 sets to 2

ATHLETICS

The 'Varsities

The 'Varsity Sports at Queen's Club on the 25th inst. are going to be interesting. There ought to be several good individual performances, and, what is, perhaps, more to the purpose, the contest as a whole ought, bar accidents, to be a very tight thing. Eschewing the fatal temptation to talk about "certainties" so far in advance of the actual day, I shall put down as the "probables" for Cambridge the two jumps and the Quarter, and for Oxford the Weight, the Hammer, and the Three Miles. This leaves in the category of "possibles" for either side the Hundred, the Mile, the Half-Mile, and the Hurdles, and it is in these that we shall see the fun. Baker, the Cambridge President, is good enough to win either the Mile or the Half-Mile, whichever he elects to go for. But he can hardly do both, and Oxford may win the other one. If G. R. L. Anderson can run in the Hurdles he ought to win them for Oxford, but he has got a shaky ankle, which may compel him to be a looker-on, and in that case P. R. Phillips, the Public Schools Champion, may put up a win for Cambridge. In the Hundred, when you have four such good men as Macmillan and Ragg (Cambridge) and Lange and Shepherd (Oxford), and it is only a question of fifths, anything may happen on the day. Macmillan did 10 1-5th sec. at Cambridge and Lange achieved level time at Oxford, but it is said that Lange "beat the blunderbuss" by a fraction of a second, and he may not be as lucky at Queen's. However he did 10 1-5th a day or two later for his college, so that he and Macmillan ought to have a clinking race.

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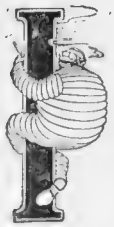

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The A.A. "Treble"

During the week of the Manchester Show the Automobile Association and Motor Union took the opportunity of killing three birds with one stone. It held the fourth annual dinner of its Northern section; it publicly celebrated the union of the two bodies recently consummated; and it welcomed its new President, the Earl of Lonsdale. It did all three with characteristic thoroughness, and I imagine Lord Lonsdale, prince of sportsmen, was not less pleased with his reception than he said, and than he certainly looked. It was 1907 when the A.A., with a membership of 4,638, opened its first branch office in the North (Manchester), and the Northern claimed 700 of the total. To-day there are 5,000 in the Northern section, with five branch offices (in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Glasgow, and Edinburgh), while the total membership of the national body is 28,595—the largest motoring organisation of direct subscribers in the world.

The Aeroplane in the Mexican Insurrection

René Simon on a scouting flight above the camp of the insurrectionists at El Paso, Texas. The frontier from Laredo to El Paso is being picketed by an air patrol

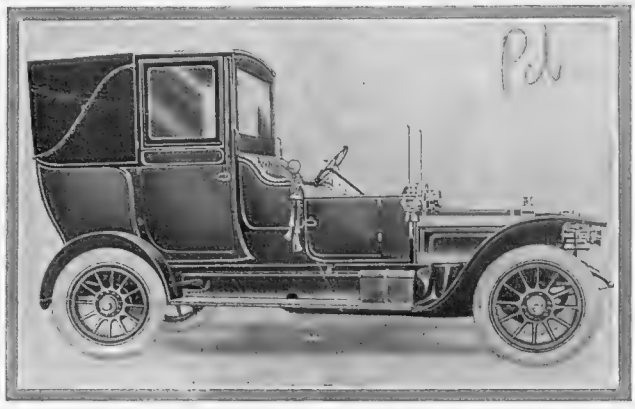
The Largest Organisation

I have commented many times in these columns upon the alert virility of the A.A. The originality and effectiveness of its operations in the interests of motorists, the readiness with which it deals with matters brought under its notice, the facilities it affords its members on tour at home and abroad, the protection it gives them in their travels, its system of scouts, its free legal defence, its extraordinary organisation—these are a few of the factors which have combined to build up in five years the strongest association of its kind in the world. The occupants of its secretarial and assistant-secretarial chairs are close kin to genius, and the spirit of sport embraces the soul of business on its executive committee. Under this sort of ægis it must go on snowballwise until the motorist has no distinctive interests on the road, and that day—is not yet.

The Scout as Ambulance Man

Meanwhile we are constantly brought to recognition of some further effort towards efficiency. The most recent (it will be probably one or two removed from the most recent by the time this appears, although I am no more than three days in front of publication) is the ordinance that insists upon all the famous corps of road patrols passing a course of instruction in first aid. That course the present patrols are now undergoing, the generosity of Mr. H. S. Wellcome (of the well-known firm of Burroughs and Welcome, and a prominent member of the A.A.) having provided specially devised first-aid cases of requisites. The knowledge may

never be needed (we can hope it never may), but if it ever is (and accidents have a way of deriding the best-laid schemes of safety) it will be there. Now that public temper, not to mention the progress of the police toward a colourable imitation of breadth of view in matters of motoring, has largely robbed the A.A. patrol of his primary reason for existence, he must be clothed upon with other garments of utility. The organisation can be relied upon to see that he is not allowed to become merely as other common objects of the countryside. As guide and something of a counsellor, he has still a useful part to play. A knowledge of how first aid might best be rendered in emergencies will not detract from the value of his services.

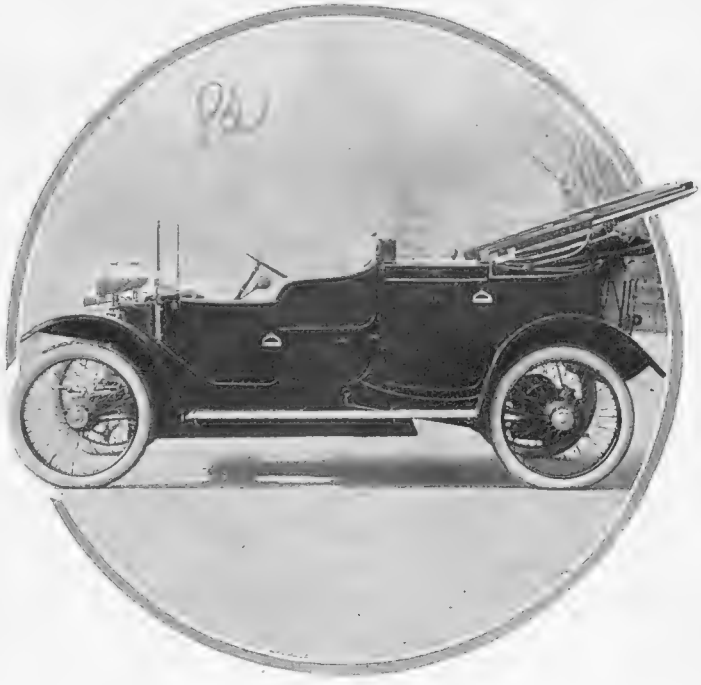


One of the "Invincibles"

A current type of Talbot—a 15 h.-p. chassis carrying a landaulette body

The National Council

And while I am on the subject, congratulations to the A.A. upon the most hopeful progress which is being made toward that National Council of organised motorists for which I have been arguing, and for which it has been working. The R.A.C. being as "willin'" as a Barkis, we may soon have a committee in existence which will reduce the discordant Babel of yesterday to a common tongue expressing itself in a harmonious, if not too musical, chorus. I do not suppose Mr. Lloyd George, or any other motor mulctor or mischief-maker, will be very violently perturbed, but a united party, even of motorists, may achieve some beneficial things which a divided party could never hope to get within hail of.



The Latest Lanchester

One of the principal attractions of the recent Manchester Show

A Magnificent Prize

Motoring readers will have a special interest in The Bystander competition announced last week. In the competition as such they will doubtless find the appeal common to every section of reader; but, in addition, they have a concern for the car which is offered as a magnificent prize for the successful prophet. Prophets are proverbially without honour in their own country. The proverb may be right—and in that create a precedent for proverbs, which are almost invariably wrong. But generally, in the accepted order, power follows next after honour. The successful prophet will, at any rate, have that—15 h.-p., to be precise. And he will, in addition, possess a car which, upon reputation as well as upon present performance, will show to advantage in any company. In selecting the Straker-Squire 15 h.-p. four-cylinder model with a "Standard" two-seater body, the proprietors of The Bystander chose exceeding well. The British industry has not produced a better car at the power. Continental practice has not. It is all-British. The poise of its parts is perfect—or as near perfection as the engineer can get to-day. It has form and comeliness in externals. In mechanical detail and in the manner of that detail's assembly, it is a wonderfully fine little vehicle. It is a highly specialised product, for its manufacturers turn out one model only. Into that model they put the best they know. What that best is equal to in practice Brooklands has told us. On a precisely similar chassis something in the seventies has been touched. That will, to a motorist, be a sufficient indication of the power réserve available for road emergencies. With its two-seater body the car will go practically anywhere, and its engine elasticity is such that, although it can do over a mile a minute on the track, it can also crawl at four miles an hour while yet on top speed. Apart from the fact that a two-seater is cheaper to run, apart from the sporting atmosphere surrounding such a body, it has the not inconsiderable advantage of offering no accommodation to the perennially impecunious friend who generally looks upon the back seat of the touring body as his special preserve, and the harmless necessary lunch on the road as his inalienable perquisite! The prophet who wins it will be a lucky man. Without any trouble at all I could find it in my heart to envy his fortune.

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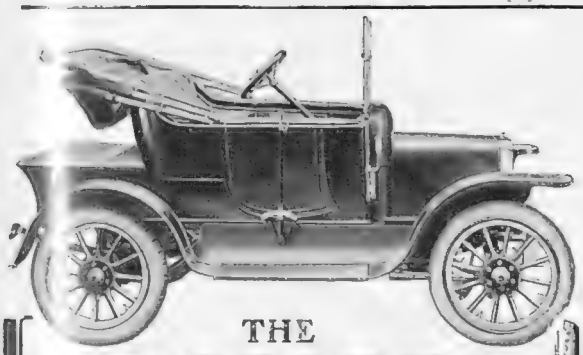

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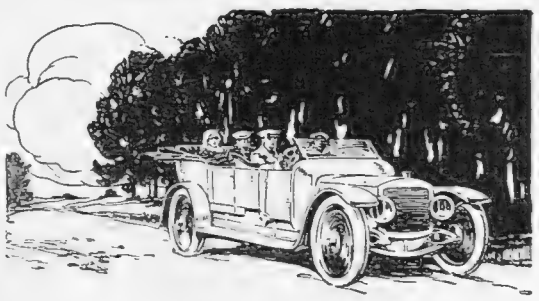

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RACING NOTIONS

THE LINCOLN. By CARBINE

Opening of the Season

Next week the flat-racing season begins at Lincoln. The descriptive reporter will tell us once more that the mythical curtain has been raised at the Carholme, and before the next issue of THE BYSTANDER is out we shall know the result of the first of the big handicaps of the season. That it will be a brilliant racing year from the social standpoint admits of no doubt; whether it will be equally good from the point of view of those who try to spot the winners is another matter.

"Carbine" and his Readers

I am aware that thousands of people interested in the Turf do me the honour of reading my Notions, and I am happy to think that the opinions expressed in these pages regarding the probable results of races during the past six years have not been altogether unsuccessful. On the contrary, we have usually come out well on the right side at the end of the year. "Carbine" is willing to support his judgment against that of any other racing writer, and he is often in a position to know when a stable has special reasons to be sanguine. But he has no patience with those foolish folk who imagine that any man can give good winners every time. Only the merest tyro would be so appallingly ignorant of the baffling problems of the Turf as to expect that. We offer advice to our readers to the best of our ability, but we do not pretend to possess supernatural faculties.

Lutteur III. for the Grand National

THE BIG DOUBLE: POPULAR FANCIES

Photographs *Sport and General*

Spanish Prince for the Lincoln

Will Dalnacrag Win?

This is my last chance of writing here upon the Lincolnshire Handicap. During the intervening week there may be changes in the aspect of the race, but at present there is every likelihood of Spanish Prince starting a strong favourite. Nor is this surprising, for the colt gave some sparkling displays last season, and I fully expect to see him make a bold show. Radis Rose, the French candidate, is a really high-class horse, and by no means overweighted. Helot is strongly fancied by his owner, Placidus is regarded as a "dark horse," and Shampoo is expected to win if he will do his best. Robinson, who took this race last year, hopes to do the trick again, and Protestant Boy is looked upon as a likely lightweight. This will give you an idea of the open character of the race, and in addition to these well-fancied horses there is Dalnacrag, my selection from the first. His past form will bear the closest scrutiny, he has done an excellent preparation, and is a geniune colt, who will probably give you a good run for your money. I look for the success of **Dalnacrag**, and I expect Spanish Prince and Helot to get into the first three.

Grand National Outlook

I am exceedingly sorry to know that Jerry M. has not been doing at all well lately, and at the moment of writing there are even doubts as to whether he will be fit enough to start for the Grand National. His absence would take a lot of interest out of the race. In any case, the disquieting information as to his well-being suggests that backers ought not to touch him at present. Next week I shall have an opportunity of giving a final selection for the race; meanwhile, now that Jerry M. is under a cloud, Lutteur III. and Glenside seem to be the most dangerous candidates. For the International Hurdle Race at Gatwick on Wednesday I fancy **Algy A**, and for the Open Steeplechase at Rugby on Thursday **Middle March**. At Hurst Park **Kippeen** may take the Bushey Steeplechase on Friday or the New Century Steeplechase on the following day. In his absence the latter event may go to **Black Plum**. A very interesting incident at this meeting on the second day will be the first appearance of Lutteur III. in England since his memorable victory in the Grand National two years ago.

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By MRS. JACK MAY

AT Sandown, the weather being propitious, there was quite an illuminative show of tailor-mades, but nothing extraordinarily startling. As furs were liberally worn, it was difficult to distinguish much of the cut, but navy suiting easily carried the day in point of popularity. A certain smart racing fraternity clung, as usual, to the practical race-coat, a reflection that reminds me to speak of the season's doings at

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For their Aquascutum cloths the firm are using far more subdued colours than formerly, a brownish-green predominating, the two shades picked out in stripes of rather more prominent tone. No matter how simple an Aquascutum coat is, it always stands out as a conspicuously smart wrap, and although there are many more elaborate styles, the full, sacque model depicted, with wide armholes and the sleeve set right up into the shoulder (the length a seven-eighth) is far and away the most satisfactory selection for general service. There is, however, included a detachable belt for use when occasion demands, the ends of which are slipped through a slit on either side of the front, so that the neat appearance of the Chesterfield front is never disturbed.

Expressed always in the simplest fashion, the Aquascutum costumes are finding favour with all sportswomen, the coats chiefly semi-fitting and the skirts planned either in gores or with a panel front to allow of perfect freedom of movement. I particularly liked a coat arranged with long lapels, after the manner of the fashionable riding-coat, and subsequently closing with three carved horn buttons. The firm also have evolved a skirt, specially for rinking, with a wide inverted pleat let in midway down the back, and so severely pressed that it is scarcely visible, except when the wearer moves in some particularly violent manner. And to go with these suits there is a most excellent choice of sports headgear, stitched tweeds with soft and permanent brims, beautifully finished, and very light in weight. The prices range from one guinea.

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(Sketched by Dorothy Millar)

A Medley of Materials

One saw the avalanche approaching months ago, but few realised the magnitude it would assume. That materials would be called upon to play a large part in the coming season's *modes* was clearly forecast by the determined severity of outline. To create sufficient variety, and yet maintain a simple silhouette, there was but one resource, and that materials. Well, our manufacturers have responded with undreamed-of vigour to the demand, and deluged—yes, positively deluged—us with choice. Stripes are insistent, but mostly narrow and placed wide apart. Then there are checks, also small, and the tiniest spots, both round and square. Everything in the least *voyant* has been eliminated from the patternings of the moment. There is not a sign of the large all-over scroll design, so popular on *foulards* for many seasons now, these being replaced by the above-described fine stripes, checks, or spots.

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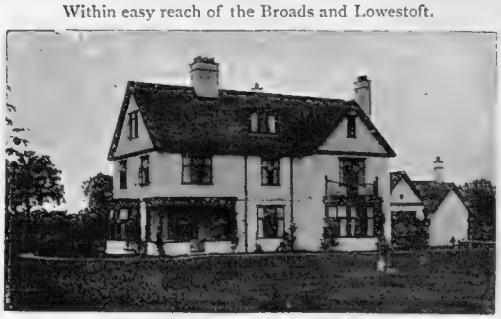

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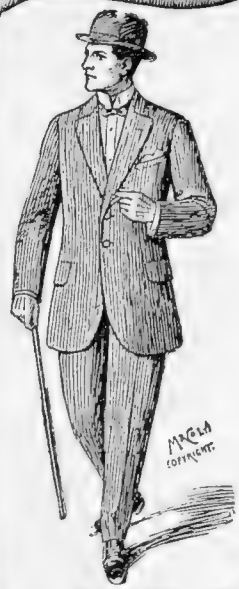

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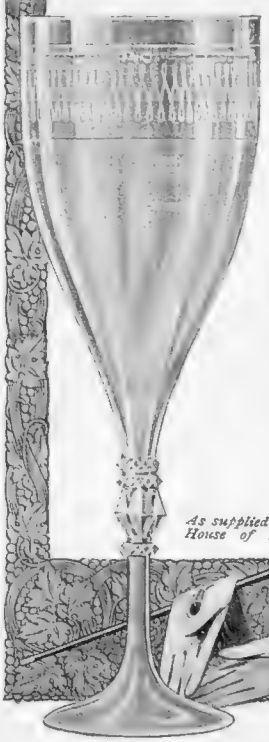

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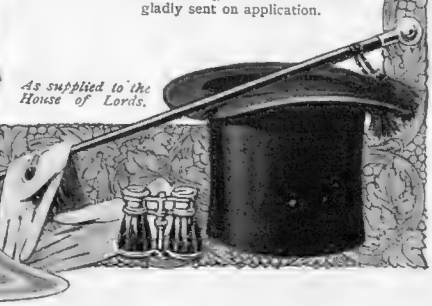

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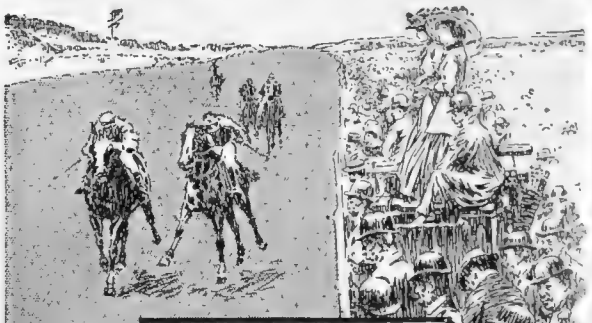

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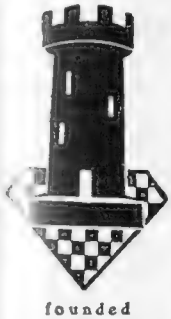

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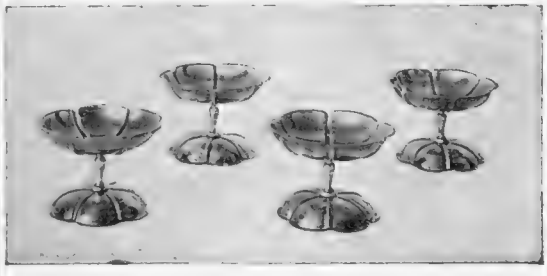

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Messrs. Wilsons' are preparing the issue of their well-known Curtain Catalogue, which will be published in a week or two. As usual, there are a great many new designs added to some of the old favourites. We notice that Messrs. Wilsons' run a line of lace curtains peculiar to themselves, and have a special *clientèle* who follow their taste. Even their cheapest curtains at 4*s.* 6*d.*, of Kilmarnock net, and another at 5*s.* 9*d.* per pair, are distinguished by beauty of design; of Nottingham make they have two designs of striking originality and remarkable effect. One known as "Undine" has a remarkably light and delicate impression, commencing at 10*s.* 9*d.* per pair, and one called "Niobe" at 12*s.* 6*d.* This latter is an extremely graceful curtain, and has been christened also "Roses in Rain," as there is a suggestion of falling water with long chains of roses. When we come upon the well-known Swiss *appliqué* curtains, some of which, by the way, are now made in England, and are, therefore, all British, there is a large selection of very beautiful designs at all prices, running up to 4 gns. or 5 gns. per pair. Another make is the "Marie Antoinette," which is sure to be popular. This curtain is called "Thérèse," made of braid *appliqué*, on very strong net, and the design is simple, yet graceful. It starts from 17*s.* 6*d.* per pair. Most of us will be furbishing up our houses, if not for the spring, then for the Coronation, and we would certainly advise those who are going to replace their curtains to see what Wilsons' can offer before they come to a decision.

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Fillets of Sole and Macaroni au Gratin

Take several small fillets of sole (lemon-sole or plaice will do), lay them in lemon-juice and pepper. Grease a flat fireproof dish, place in it a layer of macaroni or spaghetti, ready boiled, then the fish, then more macaroni. Moisten well with white stock or milk, and cook in the oven until the fish is done. Have ready some good white sauce, flavoured with cheese, pour over, sprinkle with breadcrumbs, and brown in the oven.

Scalloped Scallops

These are in season now, and if cooked in the following way are very delicious. Wash the scallops well in two or three waters, trim away the beards, keeping the white, black, and orange-coloured parts. Stew them for about ten minutes, very gently, in milk and water, take them out, and cut them up and mix with them a little salt, pepper, a pinch of cayenne, and a very little finely chopped parsley. Make a thick white sauce, and put in the fish, stir over the fire for a second, and then turn out into shells, add the squeeze of a lemon, strew white breadcrumbs over, and, having put pieces of butter on the top of each shell, brown in the oven and serve very hot.

Curried Eggs

Six hard-boiled eggs, cut in slices. Cut up two small onions, fry them a light golden colour with 2oz. of butter, add one small tablespoonful of curry-powder and a dessertspoonful of flour. Moisten with a teacupful of stock. Simmer gently a quarter of an hour. Strain the curry sauce, return to the stewpan, stir in one teaspoonful of chutney and the slices of egg, and simmer a few minutes. EMILIA.

The Logic of Sweets

If the perusal of these lines will induce our enterprising housewives to make the "sweet" course dainty and attractive, and at the same time economical, a good object will have been achieved. So frequently is the orthodox pie or pudding monotonous and distasteful that no apology is needed for suggesting simple variants. For this we must get back to what logicians call "first principles." We do not believe the familiar taunt that women are illogical creatures. It is a libel on the fair sex. Every woman knows that among the most popular of all sweets are the Christmas pudding, mince pie, and the famous Eccles cake. All of these derive their savouriness from the little Greek Currant, which is the chief flavouring agent of the best confections. More than that, it is very nutritious. Currants have a natural sweetness derived from the rays of the sun; they are full of grape sugar, the finest form of concentrated food. Here we have a delicious fruit. Nature's own nutritive sweet. The logical conclusion is to use it.

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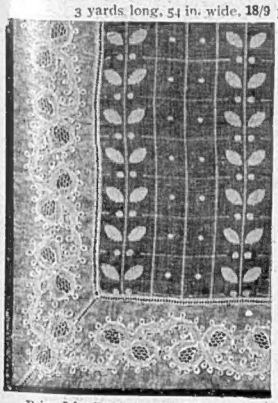

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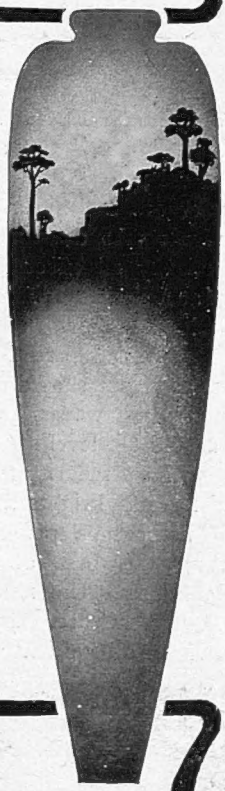

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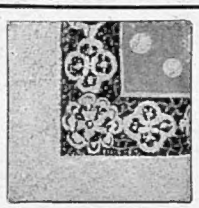

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The Italian Garden at Castle Ashby, the Seat of the Marquis of Northampton

Hardy Ferns for Shady Corners

There are generally parts of the garden which are so shaded that flowering plants cannot be grown there successfully. In such positions hardy ferns are most useful. They always look well, especially when associated with rock-work or masonry. They should, of course, be chosen to suit the conditions, some requiring more moisture than others, some more light, and so forth. But if their requirements are considered they are not likely to give any trouble afterwards. There is no need to go outside native species, for, though there is a tendency to neglect them, many of them are very beautiful. Few people seem to realise how numerous they are. Among them are harts'-tongues, maiden-hair, spleenworts, buckler ferns, polypodies, shield ferns, lady ferns, parsley ferns, and many others in bewildering variety. The best time to plant them is just as the new growth is commencing—that is, either this month or next. A large collection of English ferns is most interesting. To many gardeners it is a revelation, for they seem to think that they can get beautiful plants only in foreign countries.

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Piano Conveyance

The adoption of motor traction for commercial purposes has altogether revolutionised the methods formerly adopted by the musical profession of conveying the pianos for use of concert parties from town to town by rail. Through the enterprise of Messrs. Archibald Ramsden, of New Bond Street, one of the world-renowned J. and P. Schiedmayer grand pianos is being taken through the country by motor van for use by Madame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford's concert party.

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